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Reds Permit Entry Of Foreign Flag Vessels TJIBADAK SAILS NORTH

The Dutch motor vessel, Tjibadak, of the Royal Inter-ocean Lines, left Hong Kong for Shanghai yesterday as the Shanghai Military Control Commission announced the reopening of the Yangtse and Whangpoo Rivers, as well as Woosung, to navigation of commercial and civilian vessels.

The Tjibadak left without passengers and cargo. It is presumed she will load in Shanghai, thus marking the resumption of trade since the Communists took over that city.

It is also understood that Jardines, Matheson have obtained permits for one of their vessels—the ss. Wingsang—to enter the Whangpoo Harbour.

The Tjibadak was one of the two vessels chartered by the Hong Kong Government recently to stand by off Woosung and evacuate foreigners from the then besieged city. She left here on May 18 and was anchored for five days 80 miles South East of Shanghai before being ordered to return to the Colony on May 29.

Shanghai Military Control Commission's announcement on the reopening of river traffic refers to both foreign and Chinese vessels, according to a Reuters report from Shanghai.

It is reliably learned that foreign shipping concerns have been given an assurance that there will be no restrictions to their obtaining a permit for their vessels to call at Shanghai. They will, however, have to submit applications in both Chinese and English.

Associated Press reports from Shanghai that arrangements for a resumption of river traffic to China's interior are now being made. This is expected to improve Shanghai's food situation, as most supplies for that city come down the Yangtze River.

American Ship

Permission, meanwhile, has also been issued by the Reds for the first American ship to enter Shanghai. The vessel is the ss. China Victory, of the Pacific Far East Lines, which is due to arrive in the Northern city about June 7 from San Francisco by way of Tientsin and Hong Kong. Although not specifically stated, it is generally believed that the

Foreign Warships

Banned

Battleship Row, traditionally outstanding symbol of foreign influence in China, appears to be a thing of the past, reports Associated Press from Shanghai.

RAF Malayan Unit Leaves For Hong Kong

Singapore, June 1. A Royal Air Force Malayan Regiment squadron numbering 176 men, left Singapore today by troopship for Hong Kong.

A spokesman said that they are the first locally recruited enlisted RAF personnel to leave the country for service overseas—Reuters.

Weapons ship entrance was open for navigation as from Wednesday said, "All merchantmen and private boats are permitted to enter and leave freely, but foreign warships are not permitted to enter or leave."

Battleship Row is made up of frigate buoys in the Whangpoo just off the Bund.

After the Amethyst incident posed the question of whether a foreign man of war could depend on its flag for neutrality, foreign warships left the Whangpoo as the Communists moved on to the first time in history Battleship Row had no gunboat. It still has no warships, foreign or Chinese.

Customs Permits

The opening of the waterlink into Shanghai is expected to bring foreign merchant ships. Customs permits are now being issued under the supervision of the Military Commission.

Rail transportation is improving rapidly. At least four daily trains are arriving and leaving for Nanking and other cities on that line and already substantial shipments of rice and coal have reached Shanghai via rail. The commission announced that 40,000 bales of cotton are en route.

Shanghai went back on standard time today as the Reds adjusted clocks here to clocks in Communist-controlled China.

The Communists began taking over the Chinese Merchants Steam Navigation Company, large government-owned shipping company. It was announced that the Shanghai branch and the Eastern China District branch of the Communist People's Bank will be opened on June 6, probably in the premises of the Nationalist government Central Bank and the former Bank of China.

Trade Bureau

The Military Commission ordered a Trade Bureau established to handle large scale purchase of supplies from Shanghai. All transactions must be through the agency, with the penalty of having the goods frozen and turned over to the agency for final disposition.

On the military side, the Communist radio announced the capture of three towns near the border of Hunan province by the armies marching South from Hankow.

The towns are Puchi, on the Canton-Hankow railway, Tsungyang and Tungcheng. At the latter town, it claimed 600 KMT troops were taken prisoner.

The Red radio also claimed a total of 30 bodies were found in Shanghai buried in an open heap in the Western sector and said all were put to death by the Kuomintang. At least two were identified as students of Chiao Tung University, the radio said.

Broadway Mansions, huge 17 storey building just off the Bund which has been the home of many foreigners before and after the war with Japan was partly taken over by the Communist military. The first order instructed the occupants of the ninth to 16th floors to move. Some shifted elsewhere in the building. Most foreigners moved out before the Red arrived because they felt the building, being government property, was sure to be taken over by the new regime.

English Abolished

The "Shanghai Evening Post" reported that the student self-governing body of the American-endowed St. John's University one of the best known institutions of its kind in China, has decided to abolish English as the medium of instruction, according to Reuters.

A spokesman of the body was quoted as saying that students at St. John's would in future study under new democratic principles instead of the slave education they have been receiving in the past 70 years and would keep a close watch on the activities of American imperialism.

Student representatives of the French Jesuit Aurora University have decided that the principles of democracy must be included in all university courses and increased lectures on the subject be given.

Radio Tests

The Chinese Government Radio Administration yesterday began tests for radio broadcasting to America with the view to the resumption of international broadcasting by correspondents reports Reuters.

These broadcasts were stopped about three weeks ago when hostilities approached Chongqing, a North West suburb of Shanghai, from where transmissions were made to San Francisco and elsewhere.

"Let us hope it is a symbol of things to come," said the "Shanghai Evening Post", commenting on the reopening of the harbour and preparations for the resumption of radio-telephone service between Shanghai and the United States.

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SINGAPORE VOLUNTEER CORPS REVIVED

Singapore, June 1. The Singapore Government has approved a principle five-year plan for the revival of the Singapore Volunteer Corps, with a strength of 800, the "Straits Times" said today.

The scheme will cost \$25,000,000, the paper said.

Big Four At Paris Dinner Party



Vincent Auriol (second from left) French President, talks to the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vishinsky at a party given by the former for the Big Four Foreign Ministers at the Elysee Palace, Paris. Looking on are Robert Schuman (left) French Foreign Minister; Mr. Ernest Bevin (right) British Foreign Minister and Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State.—(AP Photo)

Nationalist China Still Without A Government

Canton, June 1.

Nationalist China's political crisis continued today with Acting President Li Tsung-jen unable to find a successor to Premier Ho Ying-chin, who resigned with his Cabinet on Monday. Usually reliable sources said that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan had declined nomination in place of General Chu Cheng, whose appointment was vetoed yesterday by the Legislative Yuan.

General Chang Chun, a former Premier, has also refused to allow his name to go forward, it is stated.

Some sources suggest that the right wing group which was responsible for vetoing the nomination of General Chu will eventually control the Cabinet, probably under Dr. Wu Teh-chien.

Without a Cabinet, the Nationalist administration has almost come to a standstill.

Ho Ying-chin's retiring cabinet failed to meet for a planned final session today and the projected measure introducing a new silver yuan currency remains unapproved.

A well-informed source said today that General Chang Chun, besides expressing unwillingness to lead the Cabinet, has let it be known that he strongly opposes the plan for evacuating the government to his native Chungking if Canton becomes untenable.

General Chang, who is the West China Nationalist Commander, said that the removal of the Government to Chungking would impose a heavy burden on his people.

Reds Quit Changsha

A railway spokesman said today that Communist troops retired from Changsha on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway. West of Nanchang and that the train service between Changsha and Chongchow junction town on the Canton-Hankow railway near Changsha is now resumed.

It is not known to where the Communist troops have retired. It is presumed they are back in Nanchang in strength, the defence of that former provincial capital. The Peiping radio was silent on the Kiangsi fighting for the past two nights.

A report said Yochow or Yenchow on the Canton-Hankow railway about 60 miles North of Changsha, is still in Government hands.

Telephone operators working in a nearby exchange were panicked. The police immediately started investigation.—United Press.

Bomb Explosion In Barcelona

Barcelona, June 1. A powerful bomb exploded in the middle of Plaza de Catalunya early today, only a few hours after Generalissimo Franco arrived in Barcelona for a 10-day visit.

There were no casualties. Franco, who arrived aboard a warship late last night, was staying at Pedralbes Palace, a good distance from the scene of the explosion, when the bomb exploded.

The bomb had been placed between the iron bars of a fence surrounding a garden in the middle of the square. It exploded at 3.40 a.m. GMT but only damaged the fence.

The police immediately started investigation.—United Press.

Water Supplies Sufficient

No further restrictions on the fresh water supply will be imposed, it was officially stated yesterday.

The present water supplies are sufficient for the needs of the Colony, it was added.

Churchill Has Hope For Peace

London, June 1.

Mr. Winston Churchill said today he had growing hope that World War III might be averted.

Mr. Churchill spoke at a ceremony in which he was awarded freedom of the Kensington Borough of London.

He said: "I have growing hope that by the strength of our united civilisation and by our readiness and preparedness to defend freedom with our lives, we may avert the horrible vision of a Third World War."

The wartime British Premier was in excellent rhetorical form as he addressed a crowded Kensington town hall. Several hundred people waited for hours in pouring rain outside to cheer his arrival and departure.

Not Beyond Power

Mr. Churchill said: "I have a feeling it is not beyond our power and certainly the experiences through which we passed should make us resolve not to neglect any chance anyone which can possibly save us and save the world."

"That rolling away of the dark oppression and cloud from the midst of men is the prize, the only prize, which can reward the valiant efforts of our generation, and with unity, vigilance and unwavering purpose I believe that treasure that priceless treasure may still be gained."—United Press.

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Most Nations Willing To Recognise Reds

Nanking, June 1.

Diplomatic sources said today most countries—including Britain, France, Russia and India—favour recognition of the Chinese Communists when their new national government is set up.

American officials here, these sources said, are urging that recognition be used for bargaining with the Communists for better treatment of non-Soviet interests. The United States has less immediate need for formal relations than Britain, France and India.

This is the picture outlined by Nanking diplomatic quarters:

The Western Powers are in contact on recognition of the Red Chinese regime and probably will work together. But France and Britain are likely to act sooner if the U.S. delays too long after the Reds establish an eligible government.

France's prime concern is Indo-China.

Chinese Red armies soon will reach the Indo-China border. The French need a Chinese government to present to it either troops or war material begin crossing this border to aid Communist Vietnamese nationalists. The Vietnamese have been fighting the French since World War II ended.

Britain is eager to do business with the Chinese Communists. The British Crown colony of Hong Kong depends upon trade with the Chinese mainland. Hong Kong shipping already is calling on North China ports. British businessmen are well ahead in the scramble for trade.

De Facto Recognition

Communist interests could be served through de facto recognition. But the Communists have carefully avoided the customary de facto recognition of consulates—something the Western Powers obviously desire.

The question of de jure, or full, recognition must await formation of a new Chinese national government, which probably will not come until autumn. By that time the Nationalist refugee government at Canton probably will have disappeared or gone into exile on Formosa.

Russia has broad contacts with the Chinese Reds in Manchuria and members of the Soviet bloc are expected to be the first to recognize the new regime.

India is expected to be the first outside the Russian orbit—in keeping with its role as leader in Asia. Observers predict Indian recognition will come about three months after the Red government is set up.

A HKRA official said that flight was only an inaugural service and could not state when regular service will begin.

It was learned however, that HKRA's service to Manila will begin weekly, taking off on Wednesdays for Manila and returning to the Colony the day after.

A Hong Kong Airways drifterman flying boat landed Manila harbour yesterday to inaugurate a new Hong Kong-Manila service, reports Associated Press.

The airline is a subsidiary of British Overseas Airways Corporation. The flying boat is to return to the British Crown colony today weekly trip will be made to Manila in future.

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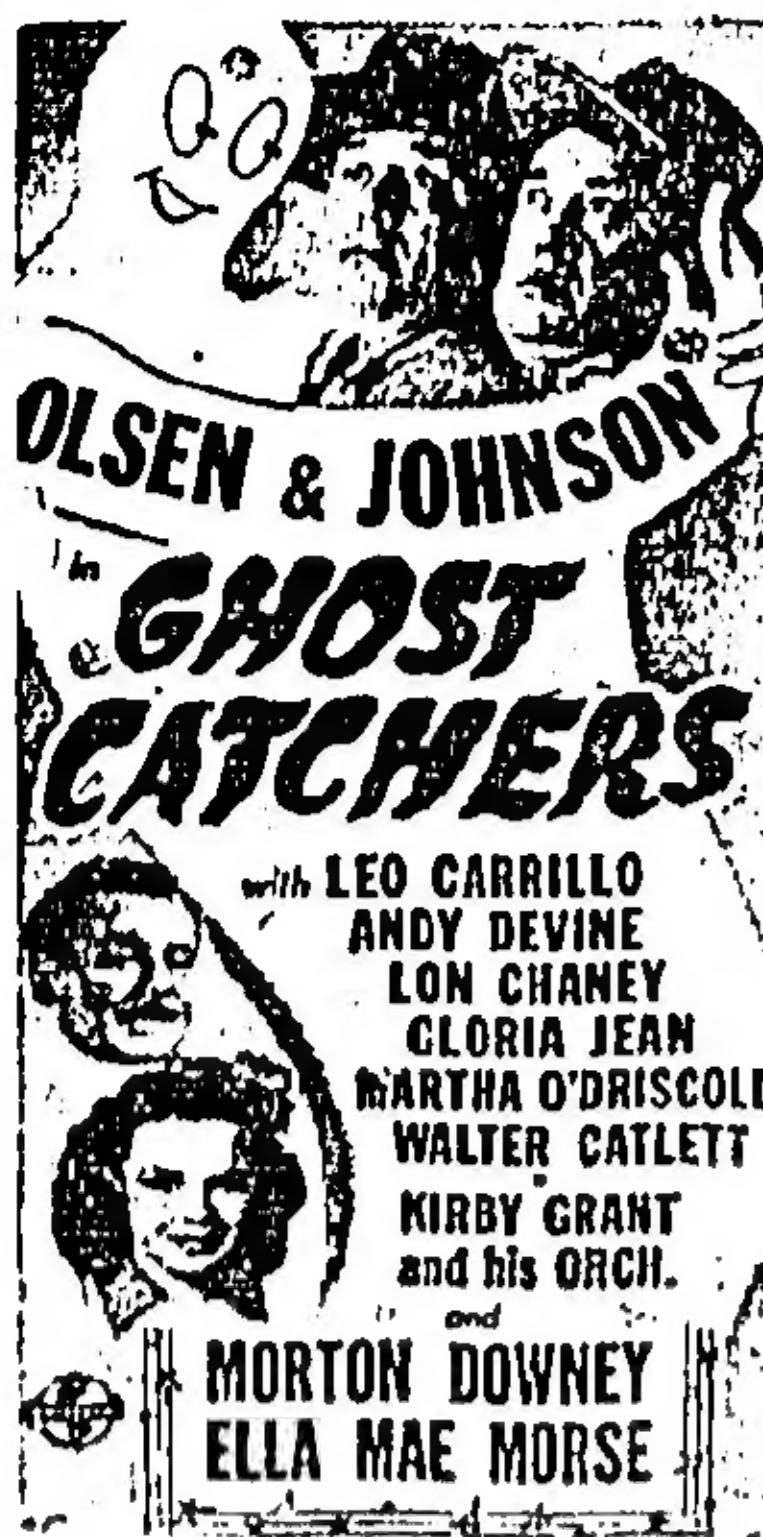
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TURKS ADVOCATE A MIDDLE EAST PACT

London, May 31.

A Turkish member of Parliament, Husein Yalcin, called today for the conclusion of a Middle Eastern Pact as forerunner to an eventual Mediterranean pact.

Mr. Yalcin, who is here with a visiting group of Turkish MPs, told a press conference that such a pact should comprise Turkey, all Arab countries South of Turkey, Iran, Israel, and Egypt as the gatekeeper of Africa.

"Such a Middle Eastern pact is only possible, however, if we have peace in the Middle East first," he said.

"Before this, we cannot negotiate such a pact."

Mr. Yalcin emphasised his desire to have Israel included in the proposed group. He said: "There should be no discrimination between Middle Eastern countries."

A Middle Eastern pact is preferable to a Mediterranean pact

"RHINE SIREN" LET OFF

Rio de Janeiro, May 31. The beautiful blonde Margaret Hirschmann, "Rhine Siren" of the wartime Nazi Radio, was released here today from the prison to which she went in 1945 under a 20-year sentence as a traitor.

The sentence on the Brazilian-born German was commuted after 53 members of the Brazilian Parliament signed a petition to the President, General Eurico Gaspar Dutra.

Margaret, whose broadcasts during the war were widely heard by Brazilian troops in Italy, said on leaving the Rio penitentiary that she hopes to get a radio job.

Dressed in a smart linen suit and carrying two handbags, she drove away in a taxi with a trunk and five suitcases.

During her three and a half years' imprisonment she occupied a comfortably furnished room with bath and was allowed the use of make-up, scent and stylish clothes, it was stated today.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day she worked as a typist in the prison office.—Reuter.

TOKYO FRACAS

Tokyo, June 1. A man fell to his death from the third floor of the Tokyo Municipal Assembly Hall yesterday as 1,500 students and workers, who were protesting against the new Public Security Regulation Bill, struggled with police on the floor of the main hall.

The workers, who included members of the All-Japan Printers' Union, the Screen and Stage Workers' Union, forced their way into the auditorium, where a Municipal Council meeting was in session and obstructed the deliberations of the members on the Bill, which proposes restrictions on demonstrations and public assemblies.—Reuter.

Big Ben's 90th Birthday

London, June 1.

Big Ben, the bell in the clock tower above London's Houses of Parliament, was 90 yesterday.

Big Ben has fallen only once—a broken pendulum spring put it out of action in 1944.

It started service in 1959. Nine honourous booms from Big Ben are heard every night as the prelude to the BBC's nine o'clock news.—Associated Press.

Plans For Transport In Africa

Lisbon, May 31.

Transportation experts meeting here look to the United States for a possible grant of \$120,000,000 to help build a new railroad and an international highway linking four potentially rich central African states.

The Central African delegates who attended the transportation meeting yesterday urged the Portuguese Government to provide funds immediately for building a railroad connecting Beira, biggest port in Portuguese-controlled Mozambique, with Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The conference also urged the Government of Southern Rhodesia to build a railroad connecting Beira and West Nicholson, a project planned before the war but never carried out. This would directly link Southern Rhodesia with the seaport, Lourenço Marques.

At present, Southern Rhodesia's only rail link to the port is with Capetown, 1,000 miles South.—United Press.

One man was killed and four seriously injured when an explosion occurred in the Ocledade Nacional Fosforos match factory in Lisbon.—Associated Press.

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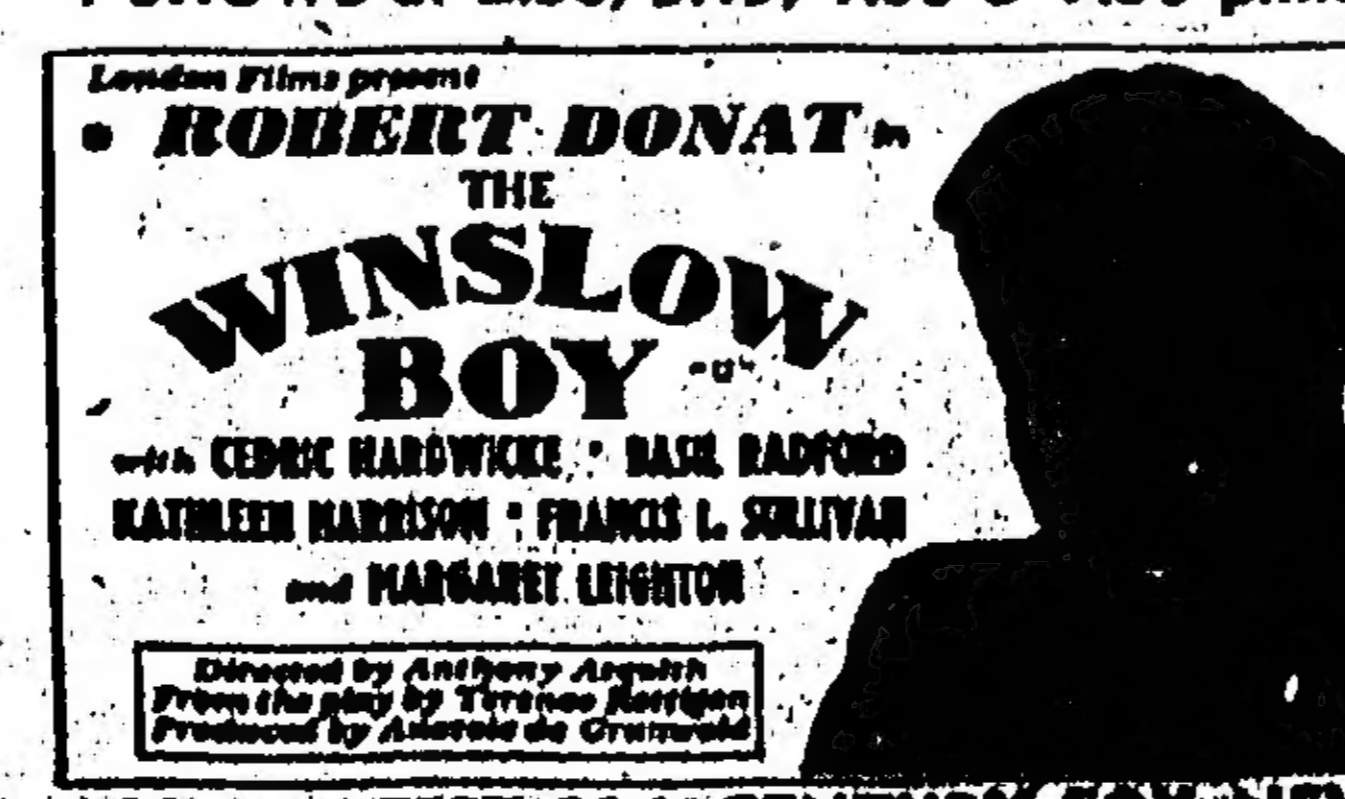
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BRITAIN AND U.S. TO MOVE ON PEACE TREATIES

London, May 31.

Britain and the United States today presented notes to the Rumanian, Hungarian and Bulgarian Governments, informing them of their intention to set enforcement machinery in motion regarding the peace treaties with those countries.

They also presented notes to the Russian Ambassadors in Sofia, Bucharest and Budapest, calling upon them to take part in the decision to enforce the three peace treaties.

Among the breaches of political liberties to which the British and American notes referred were the recent trial of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary, the trials of the 15 Protestant pastors in Bulgaria, and the execution in 1947 of the Bulgarian Opposition leader, M. Nikolai Petkov, and the life sentence on the Rumanian Opposition leader, M. Julius Maniu.

Britain and the United States protested to Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria last month against alleged repeated treaty breaches and said that unless the three Governments undertook in the future strictly to enforce the political liberties laid down, the Western powers would take steps to see that the treaties are enforced.

First Move

All three Governments rejected the protest as unfounded.

The British and United States action is the first move by any Allied power since the end of the war to take definite steps to see that peace treaty obligations are fulfilled.

London diplomatic observers point out that Russia has consistently dissociated herself from the British and American charges of peace treaty violations by Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania. The three Russian Ambassadors concerned are not, therefore, expected to take part in the proposed enforcement action.—Reuter.

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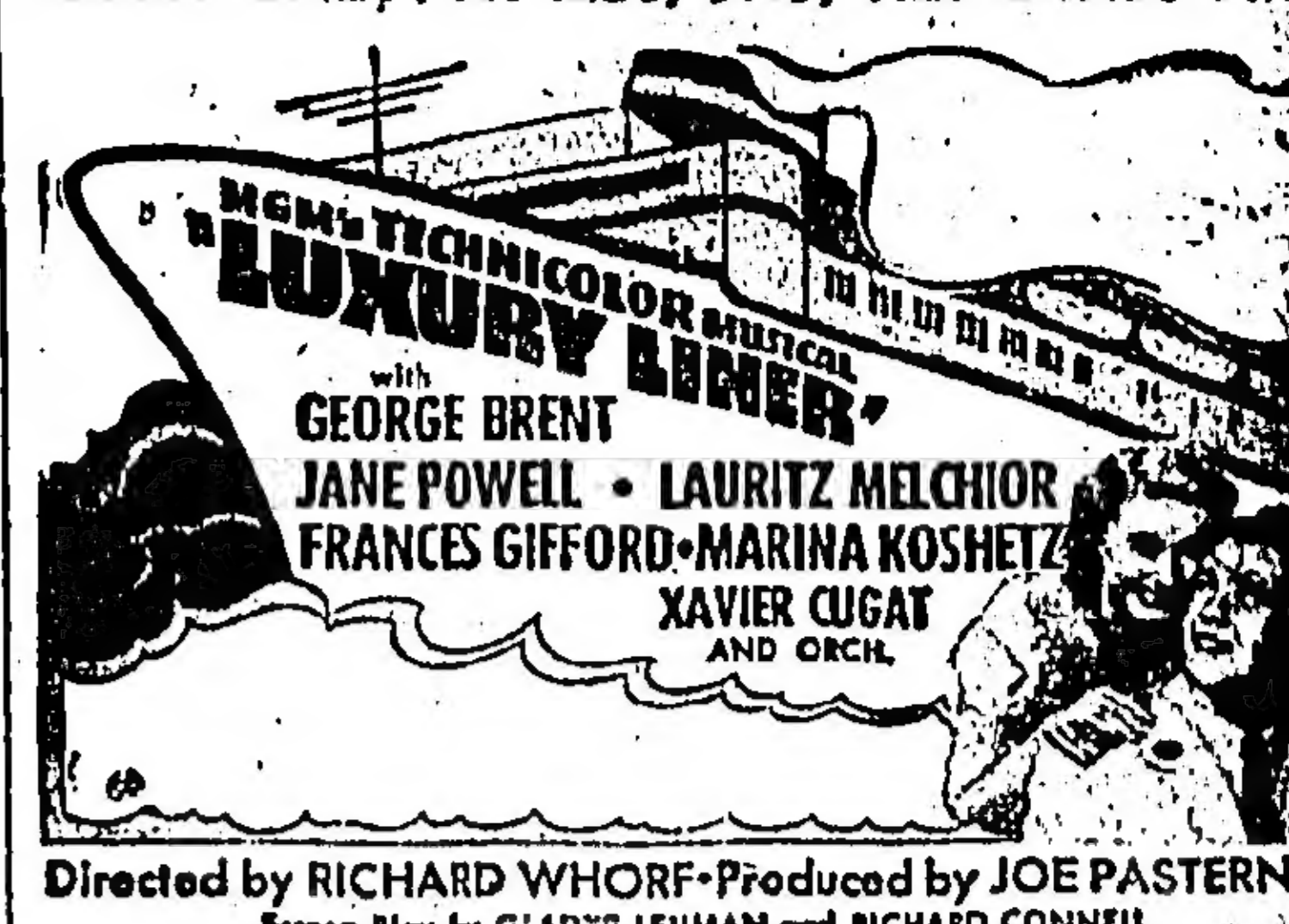
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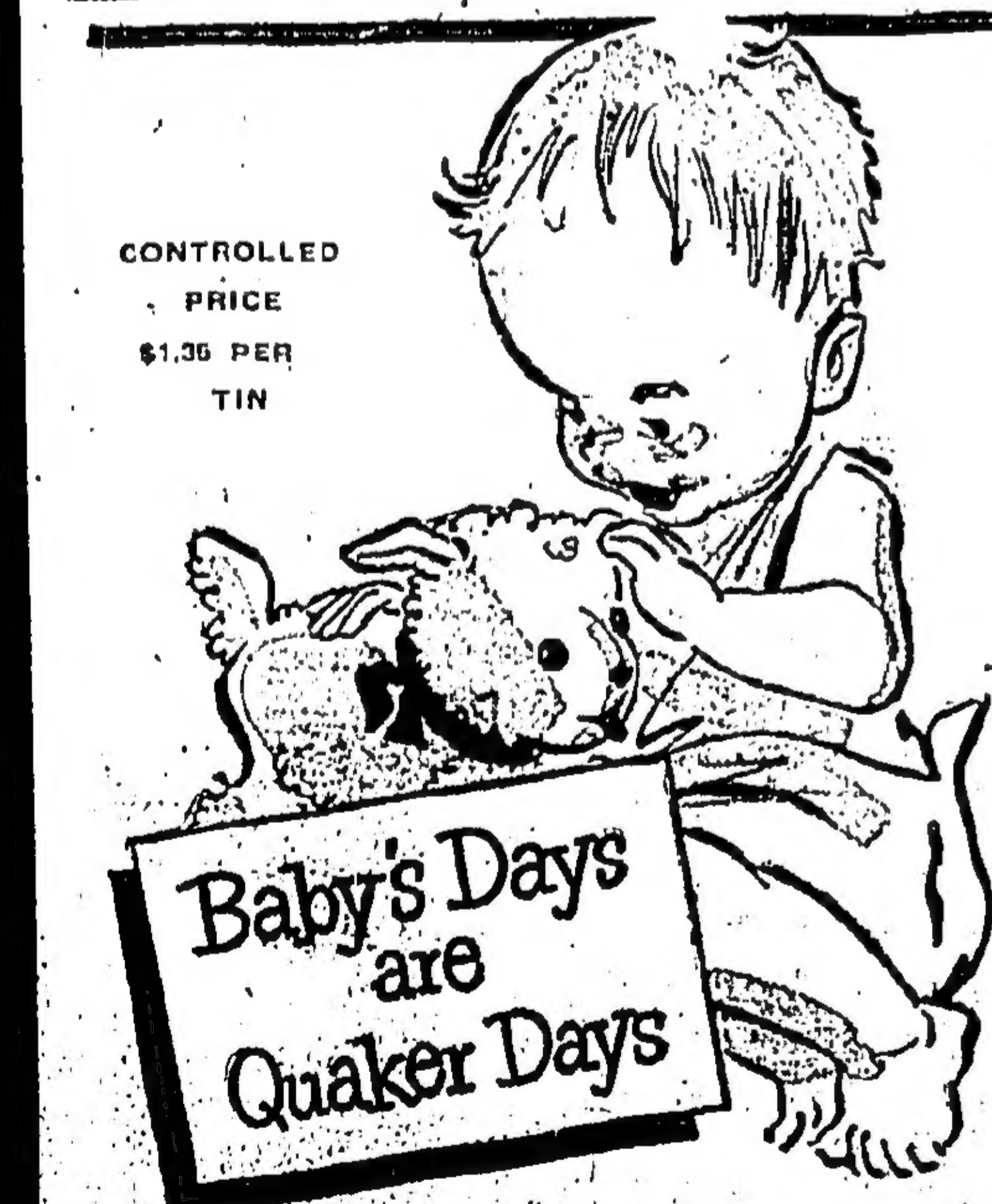


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America Closes Her Consulate In Mukden

Washington, June 1.
The State Department has ordered the closing of its consulate at Mukden, Manchuria. The Communists have kept the consulate isolated from the outside world for the six months.

The State Department said that orders have been issued for the recall of the Consul-General, Angus Ward, Mrs. Ward and the consular staff of nine.
Mr. Ward was deprived of his radio communications when the Chinese Communists captured the city last November. Since then, he has been unable to communicate with the State Department or other American consulates in the Orient.
He was kept at his post, however, in the vain hope that he might be able to establish a working relationship with the Communists running the rich Chinese provinces where Soviet Russia has carved out a special sphere of influence.

Nationalist Allegations Rejected

London, May 31.
The Foreign Office spokesman in London today rejected a statement made yesterday in Canton by the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. George Yeh, that the British Government is permitting Hong Kong to be used as a supply base for the Chinese Communists.
The Foreign Office spokesman said: "No war equipment of any kind has passed through Hong Kong."
The Foreign Office spokesman said that Hong Kong remains a free port and that the trade between British possessions and Communist China is continuing.
"There is no blockade of Communist China," he said. —Reuter.

Arbitrary Action

The State Department said in a statement that the closing was ordered in view of the arbitrary restrictions imposed on the consulate and a failure of repeated efforts to permit the officials from carrying on normal functions in accordance with recognized international practice.
It added that communications for the consulate remained cut even after ordinary mail and telephone facilities for others were restarted between Mukden and North China cities.

Malaya Warning To Press

Singapore, June 1.
British officials moved yesterday to thwart a Communist propaganda campaign aimed at Malaya by the Peking radio.
The British warned newspapers to do nothing to support the propaganda campaign from Peking, sponsored by the Communist regime in China. The Peking radio is supporting Malaya Communists in their revolt against the British.
Sir Henry Gurney, British High Commissioner for Malaya, said in a statement that the newspapers may publish freely anything issued by the China Communists but any comment in support of it will be dealt with under emergency regulations.
Sir Henry said propaganda can be freely published so long as it does not offend against the law, so people can be quite free to see it and judge for themselves what sort of stuff it is.
"In Malaya," he added, "we are fighting militant Communism and beating it off." —Associated Press.

NEW ATTACK IN GREECE

Athens, May 31.
Guerillas have opened a large scale attack North of Kozani and Greek Government planes have gone to the defence of the Government troops. Athens newspapers reported today.
The guerrillas' attack began last night in Grammos Mountains where the rebels scored successes early in April only to be pushed back into small pockets along the Albanian frontier.
The rebels at present are reported to have burst out of these pockets. They threw up a bright anti-aircraft fire at Government planes trying to strike. —United Press.

Margaret's Lunch With Ministers

Paris, May 31.
Princess Margaret dined today with the French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, and the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, at the British Embassy.
After the luncheon, Princess Margaret went to a presentation of Christian Dior's Summer fashion. Sitting at the end of a large table, she commented on each robe and showed a lively interest. She placed no orders, however.
The Princess was wearing a salmon pink dress and a grey felt hat with a small veil.
Afterwards the princess drove in bright sunshine to Chantilly and then to the Chateau de Saint Firmin, the residence of Lady Diana Cooper. —Associated Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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Through Numbers (22 Races \$44.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day, including tax, are obtainable through the Secretary, on the written or personal introduction of the Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits etc.
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The Treasurer's Comprodes Office will close at 11 a.m. the First Day and at 9.30 a.m. on the Second Day. The Secretary's office will close at 11.45 a.m. the First Day and at 10 a.m. on the Second Day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.
A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Day (Tel. 27815).
NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.
PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is 50 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.
Bookmakers, the Tio men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.
Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.
SERVANTS' PASSSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discretion and to endorse them with names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.
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SPLIT IN COMMUNIST RANKS IS PREDICTED

NEW THEORIES ON EVENTS IN CHINA

London, May 31.
Chinese Embassy officials predict that a split will develop in Chinese Communist leadership with the Red drive into South China.
The Communist advance South of the Yangtze, they say, is having the effect of dividing Southern China into autonomous regions, and the Communist leaders are seeking co-operation with anyone willing to work with them.

PAKISTAN STERLING REQUEST

Pakistan will ask for much greater releases of Sterling during the current Anglo-Pakistan financial talks in London than the £10,000,000 mentioned in press reports here, a usually reliable source said tonight.
The Dominion will also press for substantial releases of hard currency, the source added.
The source said that these requests are essential because of recent damage to crops in East Bengal. This damage had upset the Pakistan Government's estimates and the Dominion will now have to import food to avoid a famine there.
Also, to satisfy her public demand, Pakistan will have to accelerate the pace of industrialisation and import large quantities of capital and essential goods.
(High representatives of the two countries in London are negotiating an agreement to replace the present one-year Anglo-Pakistan finance agreement which expires on June 30.)
"The talks will decide how much Sterling and how much in hard currencies Pakistan will receive during the coming year. They are also expected to cover the entire pattern of future trade and economic matters between the two countries." —Reuter.

Stronger Force

There are indications, the officials say, that Soviet Russia is also beginning to realise that the inherent nationalism in Asia is proving a stronger force than Communism.
Chinese officials cite a recent issue of the Cominform newspaper published in Bucharest, in which the editorial warned against the peril of nationalism which it described as being the argument of nations as a whole instead of a battlefield of classes.
Chinese Embassy officials also say the Chinese Communist leaders are full aware that nationalism is endangering their cause.
In the meantime, not only China but countries in South East Asia are taking note that the Western powers are preparing themselves to combat communism with concerted economic policies.
With alignment, the Chinese officials say, the West can still exert a greater pull than Soviet Communism.
If the Western powers are to triumph over Soviet Communism, they add, they must recognise that the whole of Asia is in a period of revolution which they must try to guide and to stimulate instead of opposing and suppressing the movement.
"It will be a race between the Western nations and the Soviet Communists to see who will have the most hand in shaping the revolution," the Chinese officials believe. —United Press.

INDIAN EMBASSY IN DUBLIN

New Delhi, June 1.
The Governments of India and the Republic of Ireland have agreed to raise India's representation in Dublin to the level of Embassy, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs announced today.
The present Minister to Ireland, Mr. Krishna Menon, will be the new Ambassador, in addition to his post as High Commissioner in London. —Reuter.

PEERS APPROVE IRELAND BILL

London, May 31.
The House of Lords today passed the Ireland Bill recognising Eire's departure from the Commonwealth and providing for Eire citizens not being regarded as foreigners.
It also declares that Northern Ireland shall remain part of the United Kingdom unless its Parliament decides otherwise.
The Bill had already passed through the Commons.
Opposition and Government agreed on a new clause affecting the British nationality of certain Irish-born people — a subject which had baffled the Lords at two previous sittings and twice caused the debate to be adjourned.
It decided that a person born before December 6, 1922 — when the Irish Free State was established — in that part of Ireland now forming the Republic, and who was a British subject immediately before the date of commencement of last year's British Nationality Act, shall not be deemed to have ceased to be a British subject on the coming into force of that Act.
Three exceptions are: A person domiciled in Southern Ireland on December 6, 1922, a person permanently resident (both between April 10, 1935 — the date of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act — and commencement of the British Nationality Act, or a person registered as a citizen of Ireland before commencement of the British Nationality Act.
If the Commons agree to the new clause the Bill is expected to receive Royal assent tomorrow. —Reuter.

SHANGHAI TRADE RULING

Shanghai, June 1.
A trade control section has been established by the Shanghai Military Control Commission.
The trade Sub-Committee aims to regulate as far as possible the supply of raw materials and farm produce between the metropolitan and other cities and thereby effect stabilisation in general market conditions. It was said.
Under the scheme any large purchase of raw materials from this city by individuals, business firms, public bodies, or co-operative societies in other cities will have to be conducted through the trade control section of the Commission which will similarly handle sales of large quantities of farm produce, raw materials or other goods by these parties to the local market. —Reuter.

A Rebel Stronghold Occupied

Rangoon, May 31.
Burma Government forces have occupied Takkay, former rebel stronghold 48 miles North of Rangoon. The Burma Army Radio announced tonight.
The Radio added that the Gyo-yu Reservoir — Rangoon's main supply — and two villages have also been completely cleared of rebels.
It claimed that 80 rebels were killed when Government troops smashed a rebel headquarters near Shwecore, North of Mandalay.
The rebel garrison, 800 strong, scattered, leaving arms and ammunition. The Government lost one killed and five wounded in the fighting, the Radio said.
In the Bassein district, West of Rangoon, Government troops repulsed repeated attacks by Karens on Government positions, inflicting heavy casualties on the rebels, the Army Radio declared.
In the Pegu area, Government forces failed an attempt to sabotage rail tracks, it said. —Reuter.

MERCY FLIGHT

Sydney, May 31.
A Royal Australian Air Force Lincoln bomber left Sydney tonight on a 2,000-mile non-stop trans-continental "mercy flight" to Perth with serum for a critically ill four-year-old boy.
The boy is suffering from severe blood deficiency. Albumen plasma serum, which had been flown from the United States, reached Sydney at a time when no commercial planes were bound for Perth. The parents appealed to the R.A.A.F. A crew of six then flew the Lincoln from Brisbane to Sydney to pick up the serum. —Reuter.

Alger Hiss On Trial In New York

New York, May 31.
A jury of 10 men and two women was picked today to try Alger Hiss on charges that he committed perjury when he said he did not turn over secret Government papers to a Soviet spy ring.
The long-delayed trial, which will settle the famous feud between Hiss and Whittaker Chambers and reveal who told the truth to the Congressional committee, opened in the Federal court today in less than three hours the jury and two women alternates had been picked.
The speed with which the trial got under way is in marked contrast to proceedings two floors above the courtroom, where 11 Communist leaders are on trial for conspiracy.
It was two months before a jury was selected for the trial of the Communists, who were indicted by the same Federal Grand Jury that leveled two charges of perjury against Hiss.
Hiss, aged 44, former State Department official who served as adviser to President Roosevelt at the Yalta conference in 1945, sat quietly with his wife Priscilla during today's session. —United Press.

PRAESIDIUM FOR HUNGARY

Budapest, May 31.
Hungary will be governed in future by a Praesidium similar to that of the Soviet Union and the other Eastern European countries, the Deputy Prime Minister, M. Matyas Rakosi, today told the Central Committee of the Hungarian Workers' Party.
The new Constitution will be drawn up in the next few weeks, he said.
In a report on the results of the elections on May 15, M. Rakosi said that in a large measure the success of the Hungarian People's Front was due to the international success of the Soviet foreign policy and to the great victories of the Chinese Government. —Reuter.

HASHISH HAUL

Alexandria, May 31.
Hashish valued at £40,000 was seized when five alleged smugglers were arrested today, the police announced. —Associated Press.

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THE MINDSZENTY STORY

Relations With Czechoslovakia

BY THE VERY REV. DR. NICHOLAS BOER



THE bonds between the Slovak and the Hungarian peoples who have lived for a thousand years in the same state are perhaps even stronger. This co-existence was quite smooth and happy until the beginning of the last century, and the roots of the clash are to be found in the age of awakening nationalism.

ENGAGEMENT

WOLFE-SCHATZ—Mr. & Mrs. J. Wolfe have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Cornelia to U.S. (J.G.) Clifford Schatz, U.S.N. son of Mr. & Mrs. John Schatz of Oklahoma, U.S.A.

BIRTH

PICCIOTTO—To Vivienne, wife of Raymond J. Picciotto, on 1st June, 1949, at Queen Mary Hospital, a daughter.

RED MOVES IN AFRICA

While Communist successes in the Far East, particularly China, have recently been engaging the world's attention, Moscow's determined permeation of other parts of the Empire should not be overlooked. In their unwelcome responsibility for the Colonial Office, the Socialists have vaguely realised that the enormous mass of Africa, still largely undeveloped, is of tremendous importance to Britain and the rest of the Commonwealth, not only from a strategic point of view, but as a source of raw materials, foodstuffs in particular. With their usual vacillation when dealing with a problem that does not involve organised trade unionism, the present British government has produced no bold, overall plan for dealing with these valuable colonies, and has in fact ignored the desire for amalgamation expressed by the two Rhodesias and Tanganyika.

General Smuts, from his broad experience, has said that a regional defence pact is essential for the African continent. It is also necessary, however, to look at the dangers which lie within. The population problem is one of the most urgent, with numbers rising at tremendous rates on limited areas of productive land. Widespread suffering and starvation will result unless a balance can be struck between food and people.

Then there is the slowly increasing mistrust between the negroes and Europeans, largely fostered by the Communists. Gaining confidence from its successes in Asia, Marxism is challenging what it terms the "alien intruder." It is not, however, coming out into the open as yet, but is following its familiar procedure of fomenting strikes, riots and disorders generally. Various nationalist and anti-European societies are being used, with disgruntled and power-seeking young men at their heads who are natural fellow-travelers. If the foreigners were driven out prematurely, it would leave a state of chaos, as in Burma, into which Russian nominees would readily step.

Communism's promise of repudiation of the colour bar is one of its most potent attractions for the younger men, some of whom have been educated in England (where they are invariably singled out for attention by Red agents). Also, no small part of Communism's success is that it appeals to the African sense of clandestine adventure, a link with the age-old custom of secret societies now banned.

The best way to counter Marxism in Africa is the same as everywhere else—by raising standards of living so as to make the Western way of life more desirable than the Russian. This, however, will take a very long time,

an independent existence, but still had need of the more mature leadership of the Czechs. Others maintained that the Czechs were afraid of tackling the vexatious Slovak question on the top of the difficult German problems. They thought therefore that by letting the Slovaks occupy themselves for a while with the solution of their Hungarian minority problem, they would postpone the clarification of their relations to their Czech partner and the renunciation of Slovak ambitions for independence. After the Sudeten Germans had been expelled there was a great shortage of manpower in Czechoslovakia; the agricultural districts had to be re-populated, and for this reason the Hungarians were settled there as they were experts in agriculture.

Whatever political reasons we might enumerate for the scattering of the Hungarians in the Sudetenland, it must be stated that these steps, and even more the manner in which they were taken, were incompatible with the demands of natural law and human liberty. Nor were they worthy of the Czechoslovakia which had been respected as a truly democratic and humanitarian state in the West and in Hungary alike by all believers in true democracy. And even if under the first Czechoslovak Republic the Hungarians had been left much to be desired, it was Thomas Masaryk, the first President of Czechoslovakia, who expressed the real principles of his state in 1934 in a speech to a youth rally. "In any country there is no place for an aggressive force! The democratic principles of our constitution exclude the forcible solution of national and religious problems, and it is my firm conviction that these principles guide the whole population of the Republic towards true humanity. According to the ideals of our nation, this state must be just to all its citizens, whatever their racial, economic, national or intellectual standing."

Disillusionment

The Hungarians in Czechoslovakia had hoped to continue their new life after the war in the democratic atmosphere of the old Czech Republic. Reality, however, brought a quick and bitter disillusionment. The majority of the battlefields or from prison camps, as well as those who had stayed at home, were sent by the Slovak National Commission (organised in every district) to camps, charged with war crimes. In the wake of these committees the Slovak partisans who had fought in the resistance movement occupied the estates of the wealthy Hungarian landowners. Thus the economic liquidation of the Magyars in Slovakia began. The small local tyrants in these committees forced more than twenty thousand Hungarians to cross the border into Hungary; they were only allowed to carry luggage weighing not more than a hundred pounds. Confiscation of property began.

Dr. Jura Krotkovsky and Dr. Stefan Hrabal, two Slovak legal experts, published a book about these confiscations. Under the Presidential Decree No. 180/1945, 1,394 shops and industrial premises, 5,488 dwellings and other buildings were confiscated from the non-Slovak population within two years—to May 31, 1947—within the present-day Slovakia. The book, however, does not deal with the decrees issued by the Slovak National Council under Nos. 124/1945 and 64/1946 which provided for the confiscation of agricultural estates and forest properties. Nor does the book contain data about the shops, houses and factories placed under the guardianship of the Slovak authorities; their number is much above the properties which were confiscated outright.

First Task

The constitutional steps taken after the speech at Kassa enabled the Slovaks to tackle as their first task in the new state the liquidation of the Hungarian minority. The Czech leaders, forgetting the democratic and humanitarian principles and traditions of the Czech people which during the First Republic had educated even the Hungarian minority in a democratic spirit, turned a blind eye on the greed of Slovak nationalism which ignored the basic rights of humanity. According to some, the Czechs did this because they were pleased to let the Slovak people prove by this rancid and passionate solution that it was not yet ripe for

and can only be realised if methods of farming are drastically reformed and population increases slowed down.

The Colonial Office may appreciate these problems, but because of their complexity and the fact that they are unlikely to have any influence on the next General Election, the Socialists seem to be doing very little indeed to solve them. The peoples of the Commonwealth should realise, however, that unless steps are speedily taken, Africa could become another China in so far as a landslide of events is concerned.

presidential decree No. 88/1945. This decree was only an excuse to drag helpless Hungarian families from the towns and villages in the districts populated by Magyars (especially in the so-called Czech areas) and carry them, without regard to sex, age or state of health, to the Sudetenland. Here they were practically sold into slavery; the "buyers" were the wealthy Czech farmers in urgent need of labourers. It was evident that this was not the execution of a decree relating to public works but a deliberate destruction of the Hungarian minority. The Magyars had lived more or less in single group along the Czech-Hungarian frontier and were therefore deported. To this very day the Hungarians forcibly settled in the Sudetenland lack Divine services, schools or newspapers in their own language.

The inhuman execution of this re-settlement, violating the basic human liberties, forced the Hungarian Government to intervene. Thus the negotiations started which led to the signing, on February 27, 1946, of an agreement on the exchange of populations. According to this agreement the Czechoslovak Government was permitted to repatriate from Czechoslovakia the same number of Slovaks in Hungary who accepted a voluntary repatriation. The protocol annexed to the agreement contained an undertaking by the Czechs to suspend the expulsion of the Hungarians from Slovakia, the confiscation of their property and their forcible resettlement. The Czechs also undertook to pay social assistance to the dismissed Hungarian employees and the pensioners who had been deprived of their livelihood because they were Hungarians. The Hungarian Government fulfilled its obligations under this agreement promptly and in the fullest measure; it put at the disposal of the Slovaks in Hungary every facility for their voluntary return to Czechoslovakia. We cannot say the same of the Czechoslovak Government.

On October 31, 1946, Clementis, the Hungarian Foreign Secretary, hinted at the possibility that the Czechoslovak Government might carry out the expulsion of the Hungarians unilaterally. On November 13, 1946, the Czech paper, *Narodna Obroda*, wrote about the fate of the Hungarians in Slovakia: "We have the right to assimilate the Hungarians and to turn Czechoslovakia by every possible means into a nation of Slovaks. As the Hungarians cannot claim minority rights, our final resort can be only the inner resettlement of the Hungarians within Czechoslovakia." With such official and Press declarations it is not surprising that, though according to the agreement the deportation to the Sudetenland was to have ceased on March 1, 1946, the Slovak Resettlement Bureau issued confidential instructions on November 4, 1946, under No. 12,711/1-1946 about the "regrouping" of Hungarians in Slovakia. According to these instructions, armed force must be used if necessary to deport to the Sudetenland the Hungarians of 23 districts if they could not be sent back to Hungary under the agreement of the exchange of populations. Paragraph 4 of the instructions stated that the property of the resettled families was to be confiscated. It cannot be denied that this further resettlement of the Hungarians in Slovakia was not only a grave violation of the exchange agreement, but also a very serious desecration of basic human rights and the flouting of democracy which is fundamentally built on self-determination.

The international clarification of the problem of Czechoslovakia's Hungarians was tackled for the second time at the Paris Peace Conference. The Hungarian delegation demanded that Czechoslovakia should restore the legal and ethnic position which it accepted in 1918 under the Trianon Peace Treaty and reaffirmed in the minority agreement signed on September 10, 1919, in St. Germain. On the other hand, the Czechoslovak Government asked authorization from the Great Powers to transfer two hundred thousand Hungarians from Czechoslovakia to Hungary. The peace conference refused both requests on the other hand, clause 8 of the peace treaty decreed the following:

1. Hungary is to enter into bilateral negotiations with Czechoslovakia "in order" to settle the problem of the Hungarians resident in Czechoslovakia who are not to be transferred under the agreement of February 27, 1946, to Hungary.

2. In case no agreement is reached within six months from the ratification of the peace treaty,

Czechoslovakia is entitled to submit the question to the Council of Foreign Ministers and apply for the help of the Council towards a final solution. The lot of the Hungarians in Czechoslovakia did not, however, improve after the agreement on the exchange of populations or the signature of the Paris Peace Treaty. The confiscation of Hungarian property was not suspended; the Hungarians already deported to forced labour in Bohemia were not brought back. In addition to all this, Czech gendarmes began to drive across the River Ipoly the Slovakian Hungarians whom the Hungarian authorities were not willing to accept at the regular frontier posts because they were outside the quota of the agreement on the exchange of populations.

In this terrible time of helplessness when the foreign political situation made it impossible for the powerless Hungarian Government to defend effectively the basic rights of Hungarians, Cardinal Mindszenty raised his voice to move the conscience of the Hungarian people, the Slovak bishops and the world's public opinion. On December 14, 1946, he addressed a proclamation in the name of the Hungarian Catholics to the Catholics of the world to save the Hungarians of Slovakia. We reproduce this Proclamation, drawn up in English, above his original signature.

PROCLAMATION OF HUNGARIAN CATHOLICISM FOR THE SAVING OF THE HUNGARIANS IN SLOVAKIA

"For weeks the newspapers of various parties and ideologies have been publishing day after day reports concerning the dreadful ordeals and sufferings to which the Hungarians, living in neighbouring Slovakia, have been exposed as a consequence of cruel official measures. The Hungarian National Assembly also expressed its profound regrets at the inhumanity and deepest hatred with which many of more than half a million of the old and established inhabitants have been treated on account of their nationality and their Hungarian origin by a state bearing liberty and equality, democracy, as a motto on its flag."

"Hungarian Catholicism cannot remain silent in view of this treatment which violates both the laws of nature and the Divine Rights of humanity. As we do not possess a daily newspaper of our own, Hungarian Catholics were unable to give mutual and concerted public expression to their just indignation. Several of our prelates, however, forestalling many others, complained in their statements—in heart-felt sorrow at the innumerable excesses and injuries—at the time of the peace negotiations had appealed for the remedy of these injustices to the judgment of the whole world. To dispel all doubts as to the standpoint and plea for help of Hungarian Catholicism, we, the Hun-

garian Bishops, in the name of our clergy and our believers, raise our voices 'in a cry for justice. According to the Gospels, true salvation is only possible when 'righteousness and peace have kissed each other.' (Psalms, 85, 11.)

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)



The Philippines Government is adopting a wait and see attitude to Red China. Will or will not dance bands still be needed....?

The Head of the Soviet Secret Police is Marshal Beria, and he sure does beria lots of loose-thinking comrades.

Now that the Dutch have sent that Lovink type out to Indonesia all is swell.

From Behind the Curtain In Munich people have been warned not to eat a brand of chocolate marked "Made in Czechoslovakia" because it contains steel splinters.

Businessman suggests U.S. bring a tanker to Shanghai on spec.

Oil to pour on the troubled waters, maybe.

Seems there is no need for a Soviet consulate in Shanghai any more. Relations will now be Cominformal....

Australia may aid Hong Kong. If we get in a mess there can always wham one up from Woomera, eh?

Favourite picknup in the popular democracies is un tass de copy.

Tranquilline Rovero was fined 60,000 pesos for smuggling diamonds into Manila. After which it is presumed he was not such a placid traveller.

"It isn't possible for a man to dress so as to be invisible," declares a camouflaging expert. He must be mistaken—no one ever sees the bridegroom at a wedding.

Travels of Guillebe (continued). One of the ripped leaders rang up Guillebe one day and invited him to a little skiya party.

The place was one of those reparation earmarked arsenals, that the Miracle man had gone soft about.

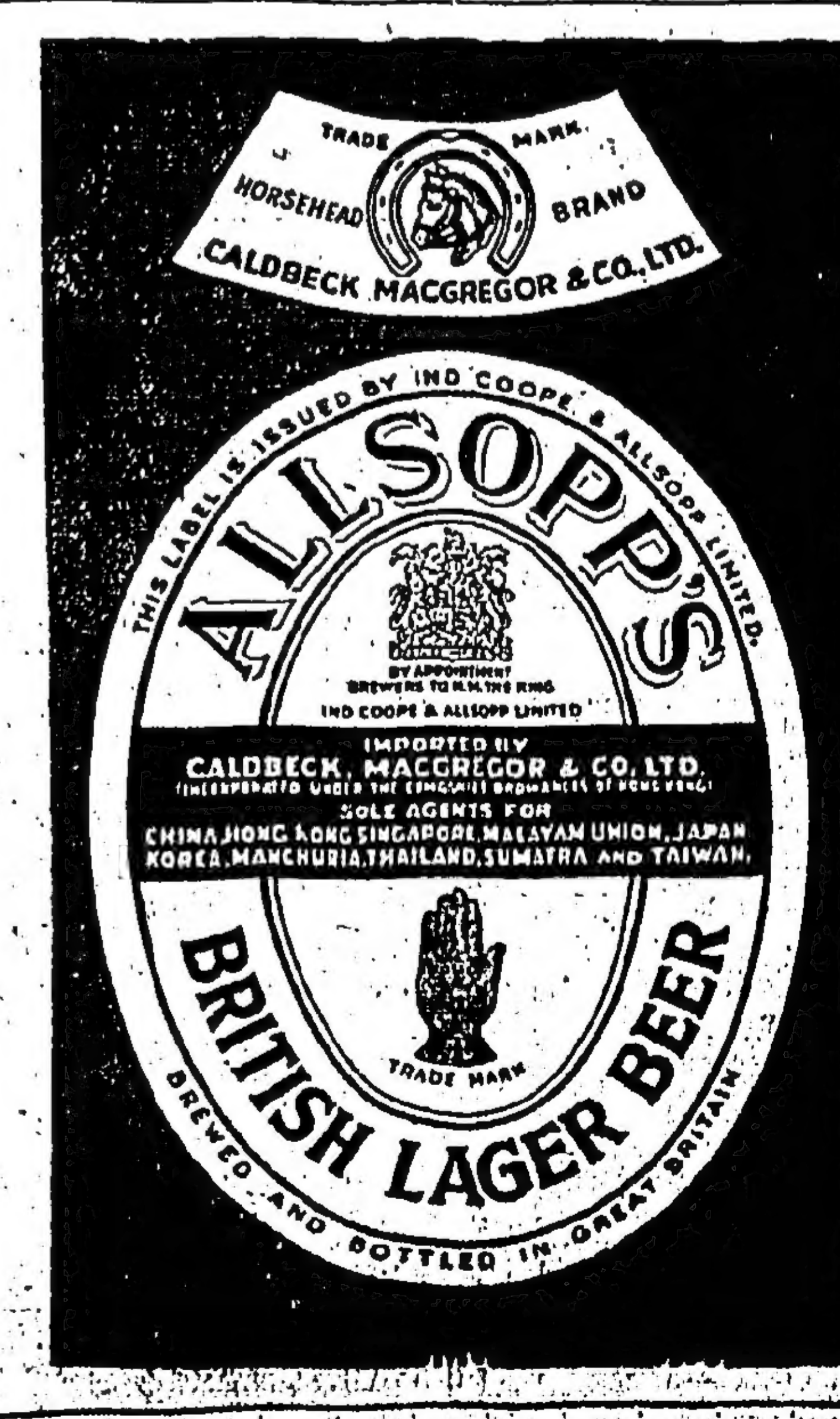
When a lot of snakes had been slipped (a beverage of some potency) many of the Suzubit boys came up and chattered to Guillebe, sucking the nectar of politeness out of the atmosphere.

"We are all s-s-s-sorry," they kept on saying until poor Guillebe's head was in an awful whirl, what with the silliness and sakes. When he accidentally shifted the lid of a box and sank through into a heap of automatic pistols they all thought it a tremendous joke. "Gun liver" they nicknamed him for some strange reason of their own, that had to do with banquets or something during a war some time.

"I am so pleased," said our hero, to a delightful cherry-blossom who was attending the guests, "to hear our friends always saying: 's-s-sorry' when they talk about the war.... How we have wronged them!"

"Guil Liver," she whispered, "they mean they are s-s-sorry they lost...thassall, you big sap."

(Watch for next stirring episode).



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MANILA	Monday	6th	"
ANGKOK	Monday	6th	"
SINGAPORE	Monday	6th	"
MANILA	Wednesday	8th	"
ANGON	Friday	10th	"
MANILA	Saturday	11th	"
MANILA	Monday	13th	"
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SERIOUS SITUATION IN BRITISH LABOUR

Unrest In Industries Threatens To Spread "GO SLOW" MOVEMENTS

London, May 31.

The tide of unrest which has brought Britain into the most serious labour situation since the war tonight threatened to engulf new sections of industry.

Trade union leaders, employers and Government officials are trying to hold in check a series of unofficial strikes and "go slow" movements.

RAF PUT ON A SHOW

Salisbury, May 31.

Air Attaches from all countries except Eastern Europe saw a demonstration of the latest United States and British fighter and bomber technique at Old Sarum, near here, today.

Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and United States aircraft provided the display before senior officers of the American and British Services, who are attending a course at the School of Land-Air Warfare.

The highlight of the exhibition was a demonstration by Mosquito planes from Royal Air Force bases in Germany of bombing under radar control.

Four Mosquitos, each carrying one 500-pound bomb and eight 25-pound practice bombs, dropped their loads accurately within the target area from a control point 20 miles away.

Six United States Air Force B-29 Superfortresses from a North England base demonstrated strategic Air Force technique in supporting land forces.

Jet Meteors and USAF-4.80 Jet aircraft demonstrated high explosive tracer strafing on a line of empty vehicles, and RAF Spitfires and Royal Navy Sea Furies and Fireflies carried out dive rocket attacks on parked aircraft.—Reuter.

Withdrawal From Korea By U.S.

Washington, May 31.

The State Department is expected to issue a statement confirming the United States intention to withdraw virtually all American troops from South Korea within the next 60 days.

At the same time the statement will assure the Korean people that this does not mean they are being abandoned by the United States.

The statement will probably be made by the acting Secretary of State, Mr. James Webb, at his weekly press conference, and is expected to confirm that by the end of July all American forces in South Korea will have been withdrawn except for about 500 officers and men who will remain as a military advisory group.

American forces in South Korea are estimated to number somewhere in the neighbourhood of 7,000.

The official statement will make an effort to place the withdrawal in its proper perspective. It will point out that the United Nations' 1947 resolution provided for the withdrawal of American and Soviet forces from South and North Korea respectively after an independent Korean Government had been set up through democratic elections supervised by a United Nations Commission.

The American statement will attempt to allay Korean fears. It is expected to point out that the United States is providing South Korea with a substantial amount of assistance under the Economic Co-operation Administration act during the coming year and also expects the military advisory group to assist greatly in increasing the efficiency of the Korean army and police.

The United States' attitude is that the Korean police and army are sufficient to handle the law question and will have ample equipment from surplus as the United States forces withdraw.

The State Department has been under pressure from Army officials for some time to agree to withdrawal of troops. The Army contends that the South Korean police and army are competent to deal with any internal dis-

Japan After Asia Markets

Calcutta, May 31.

Taro Matsuda, Counselor at the Japanese Ministry of International Trade, said here today that Japan wishes to revive her markets in Asia, particularly in South East Asia, but that problems like the conversion of Sterling into dollar are a considerable obstacle.

Mr. Matsuda, one of seven Japanese delegates to the International Labour Office conference, is passing through Calcutta on his way to Geneva.

Japan, he declared, has laid the foundation for a new liberal labour policy. One significant development is the growth of genuine trade unionism in the country, he added.—Reuter.

Australia's Right To Decide

Canberra, May 31.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, said in the House of Representatives here today that in conversations with leaders of the countries to the north of Australia he had learned that they offer no objection to the Australian right to say who ought not to be allowed to live in Australia.

He was answering a member of the Opposition who asked whether the administration of the Minister of Immigration, Mr. Arthur Calwell, is making bad friends for Australia with Northern neighbours.

Mr. Chifley added: "We have heard a lot about Malaya. When I visited that country I found that the Malayan Government had imposed a complete prohibition on the migration of Chinese and Indians."

"Similar restrictions have operated in other Northern countries, each of which makes it clear that it retains the right, as Australia retains the right, to decide who shall be allowed entry."—Reuter.

Ford Troubles

The Ford Motor Company announced today that nearly 2,000 men have joined the "go slow" movement at their Dagenham works. The remaining 10,000 people in the factory are working as usual. The 2,000 men have been suspended without pay, though no one has been dismissed.

About 650 men, engaged on the construction of a new £8,000,000 power station at Broomborough, Cheshire, struck work today because of the alleged non-payment by two workmen of arrears of union subscriptions, amounting to less than £5.

This is the third time in less than six months that strikes have held up work at the station.

In the House of Commons today the Labour Minister, Mr. George Isaacs, declared: "We cannot countenance the action that has been decided upon by the workers in Nine Elms and Manchester."

At Nine Elms, normally Britain's busiest goods depot, the acceptance of all goods except perishable food and export freight was suspended today.

Workers' Decision

London, May 31.

Workers at the Ford Motor Company's Dagenham works, where nearly 2,000 were suspended without pay for adopting "go slow" tactics, tonight decided to resume normal production.

A mass meeting of workers confirmed a decision by the suspended men to get back to full steam ahead at the works immediately, the company announced.—Reuter.

Cominform Said At Work In Portugal

Lisbon, May 31.

The Cominform is trying to recruit as many young men as possible in Portugal, according to the semi-official paper "Diario da Manhã."

The action, the paper says, follows the heavy losses suffered by the Communist Party after the arrest of its general secretary, the lawyer, Alvaro Cunhal, and Professor Jose Silva Martins several weeks ago.

The paper, quoting the Continental News Service, considers that the Cominform considers Portugal of first class importance as an observation point from which American Marshall Aid supplies can be watched carefully as they are disembarked and because Portugal will be a key-point in any future war.

Portugal's currency is stable and foreign currency markets here are unrestricted, a fact which is of interest to the Soviet Economic Department, who find it favourable for the purchase of foreign currency.

Portugal would also be a more convenient base for the control of Spanish Communism than through the Pyrenees.

In January, 1949, the paper continues, a Portuguese Communist, Paulo de Morais, agent of the Cominform, Captain of the Red Army and a friend of General Cordon, commanding the military organisations of the Spanish Communists in France, was sent from Marseille to Tangier with large sums of money. This money was deposited at a Tangier bank and credited to the Soviet Economic Department.

Spy Ring

Several weeks after the arrival of Morais at Tangier, the creation of the Vila Real de Santo Antonio, in the South of Portugal, of a clandestine Cominform bureau for the distribution of Communist propaganda in Spain and Portugal was revealed.

The responsibility for this bureau, however, appears to have been in the hands of another Portuguese Communist, who,

among various other aliases, is known as Joao Carvalho.

Carvalho entered Portugal last February and has been active at Oporto. Although he reached this country from Sao Paulo, Brazil, his headquarters are in Mexico.

It was Joao Carvalho, according to "Diario da Manhã," who, under the orders of Colonel Furmanov, Soviet Fifth Column head for South America, and assisted by Miguel Pavlenko and Luka-Belamaria, organised the Brazilian spy ring.

Carvalho, the paper concludes, is now secretly recruiting, with the help of seven others, among the dockers at Oporto.—United Press.

Commission On Press Freedom

Lake Success, May 31.

The Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and the Press, which establishes procedure for continuous liaison with information enterprises and news media throughout the world, began its first meeting of 1949 here today.

The Convention on International transmission of news and right of correction was adopted by the General Assembly during its session just ended. Another convention of freedom of information is to be discussed by the fourth session of the General Assembly.

The present Sub-Commission will receive communications from legally constituted national or international press, information, broadcasting or newsprint enterprises.

It will study and make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council regarding the extent to which freedom of information of news of the world and seek to promote dissemination of true information to counteract Nazi, Fascist or any other propaganda, of aggression or of racial, national, religious, or any other discrimination.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BERMUDA

London, May 31.

Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Hood, former Director-General of the Army Medical Services, has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda.

He succeeds Admiral Sir Ralph Leatham, whose term of office will shortly expire. The Colonial Office said, Sir Alexander is 60.—Reuter.

Dynamite Used In Mines Battle

La Paz, May 31.

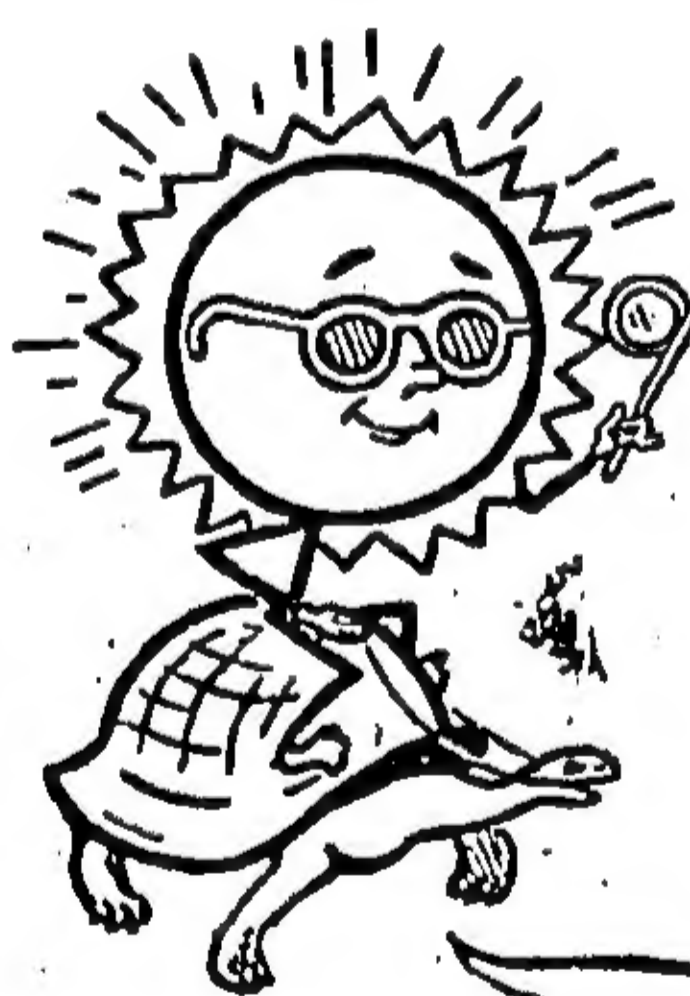
Striking miners hurled dynamite sticks from hilltop redoubts today in a battle with Bolivian troops trying to keep order after the week-end of rioting in the Andes tin mines.

A state of siege has been declared through Bolivia following the strikers' action in bringing about what a Government spokesman described as a state of civil war.

Two thousand strikers and about 200 troops are fighting in the area of the Huancuni mine where Howard Koller of the U.S. Superintendency of the mine, is being held as hostage.

At least 29 persons, including two American engineers, have been killed so far.

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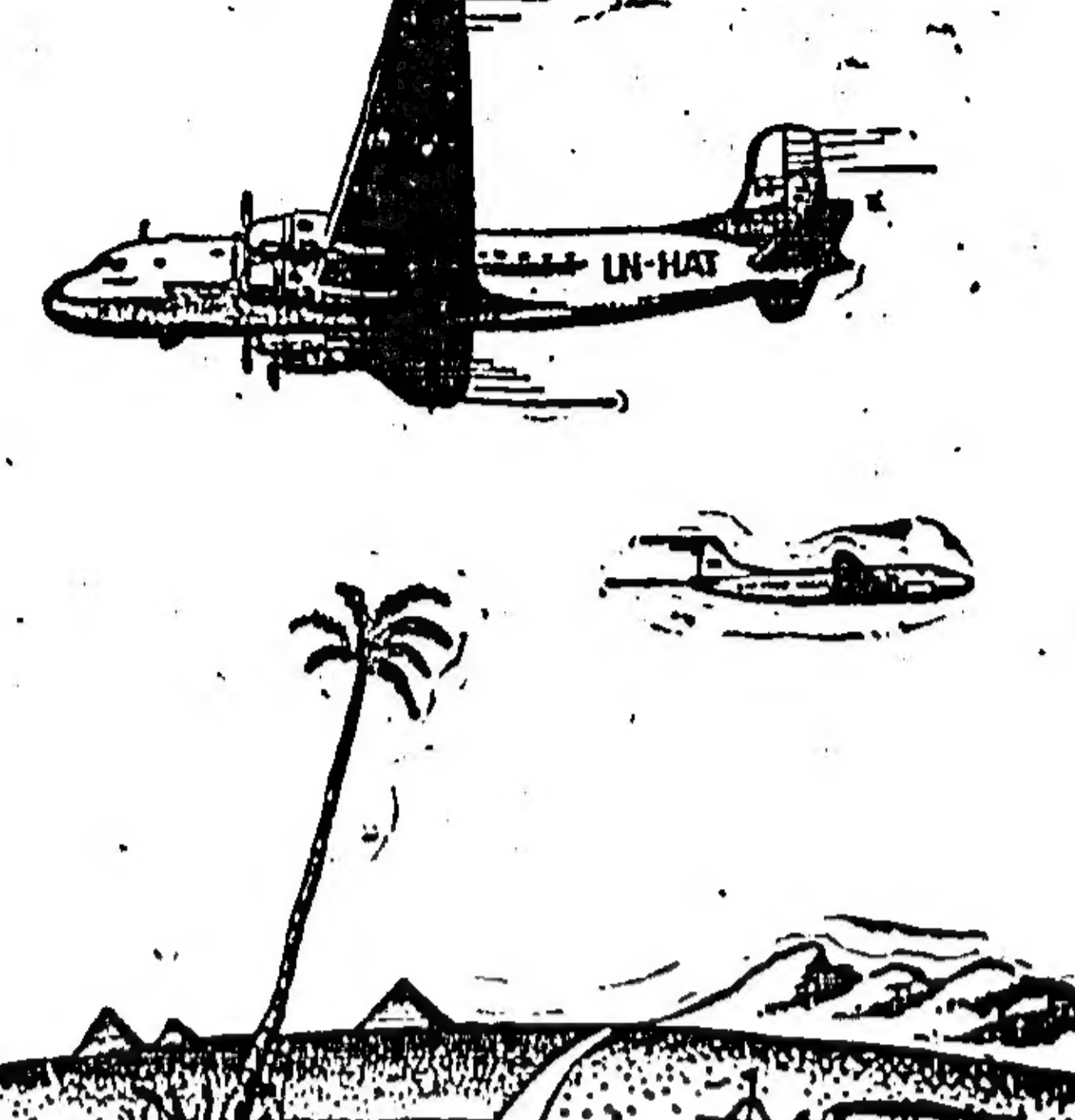
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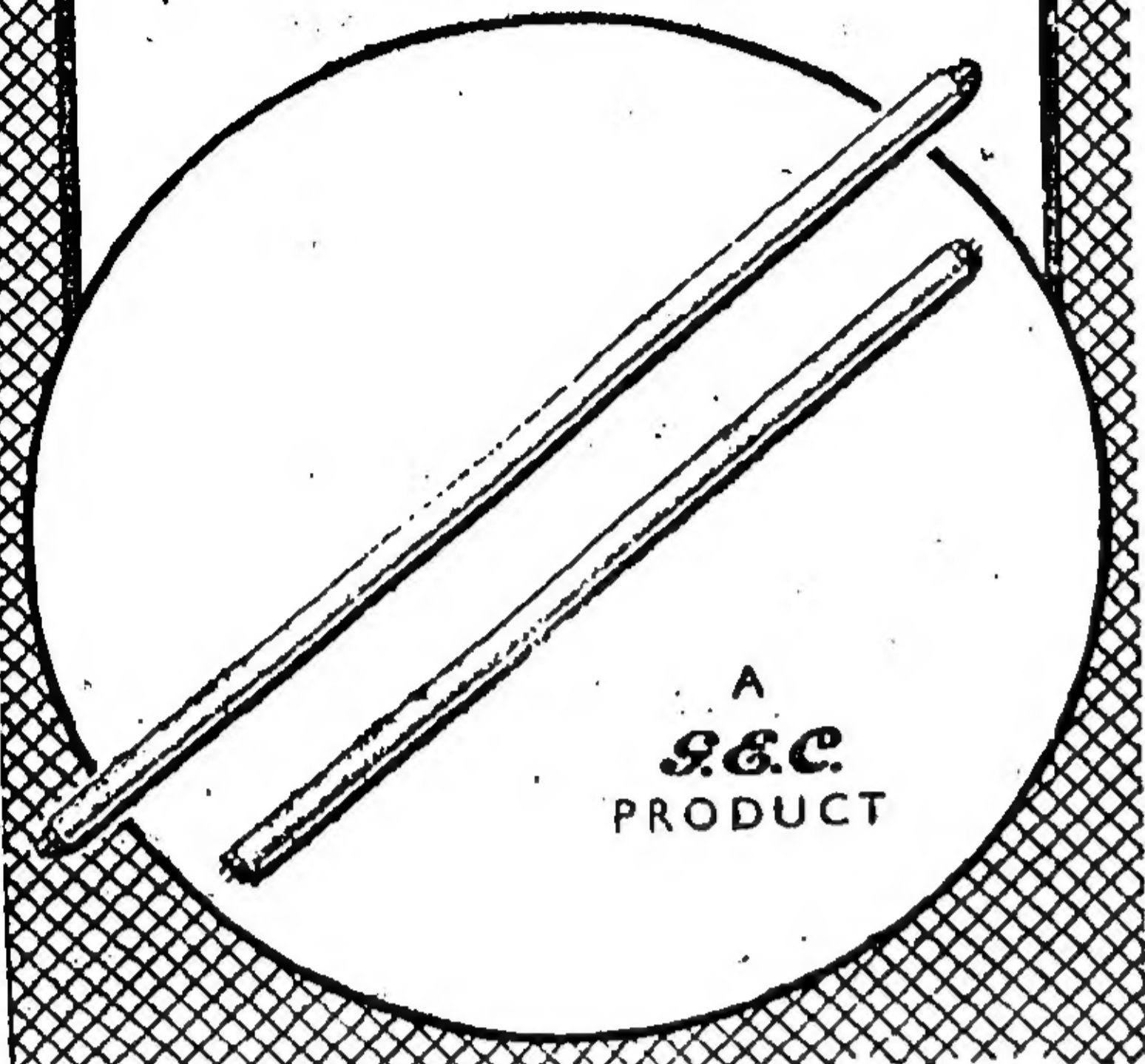
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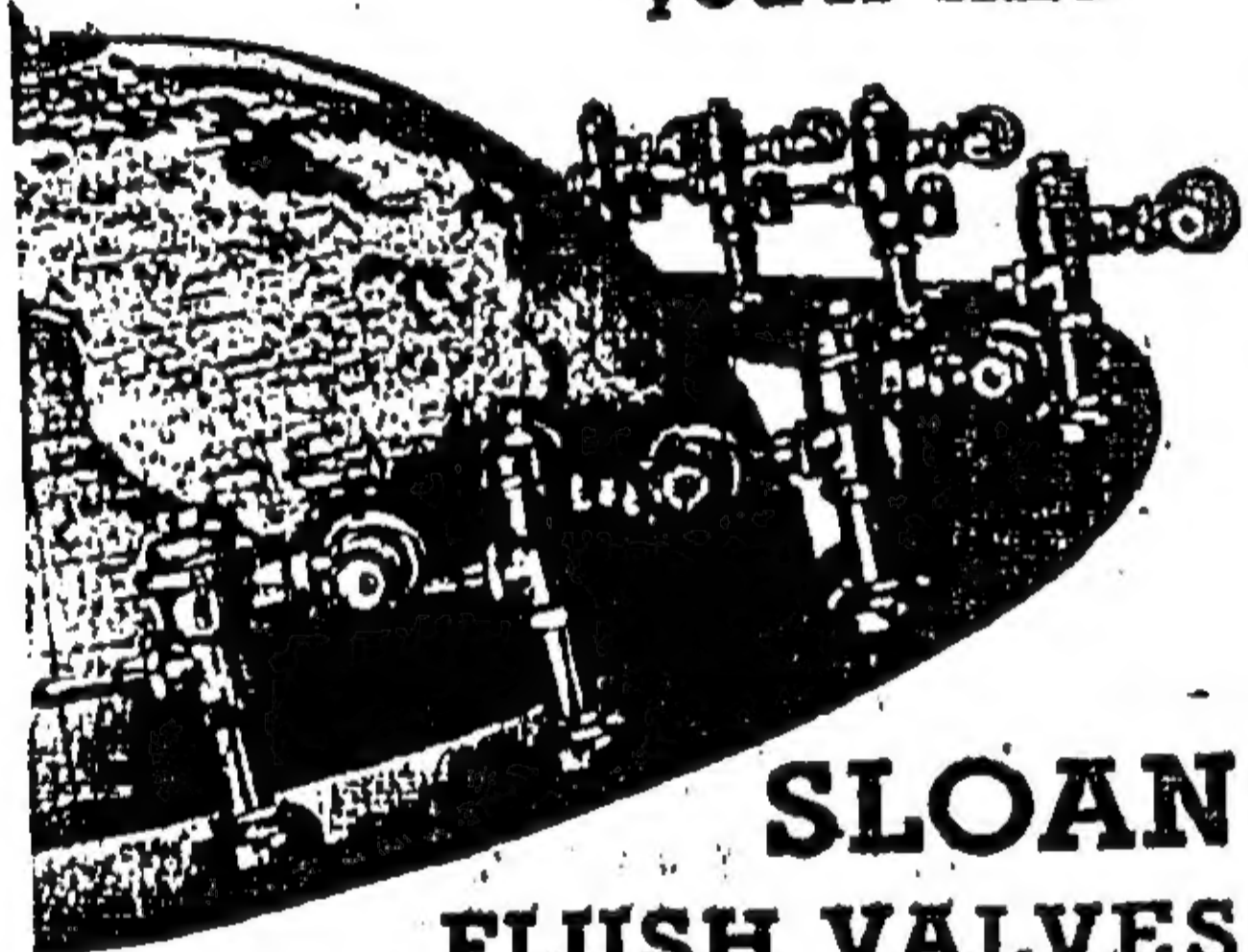
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The organisation of the Company's jobs is such that almost without exception work is completed on schedule even when deadlines are extremely short. An example of this is the building of the US\$17,000,000 aluminium plant for the Reynolds Alloys Company at Sheffield, Alabama. Although the contract was signed on February 7, 1941, the first sheers were rolled on August 2, 1941, less than six months later.

A further indication of the versatility of the Company was the moving of the entire plant of the Howard Axle Works from its location at Homestead, Pennsylvania, to a new site 11 miles away. Despite the fact that this involved the moving, rehabilitation and re-erection of all machinery including the roller plant, a high rate of production was maintained at the plant throughout the move.

The Company also has had wide experience in the erection of heavy machinery. A recent example of this was the installation of the largest hydraulic press in America. Built by the Mesta Machine Company, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, this 18,000-ton press was erected at the North Grafton, Massachusetts, plant of the Wyman-Gordon Products Corporation. It will be used for the forging of magnesium.

Tangible proof of the trust placed in the Company was the Ford Motor Company's selection of F. McGraw as the first or general contractor for the construction of a comprehensive contract by Ford for the purchase and installation of all production equipment in a Ford automobile plant. This was for a new assembly plant at St. Louis and marked a signal departure in the policy of Ford, which had heretofore handled all such work within its own organisation.

Part In War

The Company is proud of the role it was permitted to play during the war years, when its activities were 100 per cent devoted to the war effort of the allies.

Prior to the entry of the United States into World War II, F. H. McGraw and Company built the U.S. \$12,500,000 Ammonia and Ammonium Nitrate Plant at Welland, Ontario, for the Allied War Council. At the time this Canadian project was built it was the largest complete explosive plant yet conceived.

In 1941, when a scarcity of aluminium seriously threatened the American defence programme, the McGraw and Company constructed the \$17,000,000 aluminium rolling mill for the Reynolds Alloys Company at Sheffield,

Alabama, in less than six months. This included the engineering design of all foundations and meant that the company's forces had to work at a speed and efficiency without previous parallel.

In February, 1943, The Company received the Army-Navy "E" Award for its construction of the \$11,000,000 Jayhawk Ordnance Works at Barter Springs, Kansas.

This was the first "E" to be given to a construction company and brief review of the size of the project tells what a construction achievement this job was: 145,000 blue prints were used; 71 structures and 5 cooling towers were erected; into these went 6,500 tons of steel, 6,000,000 board feet of lumber, 200 miles of process piping and 700 miles of copper wire.

To quote from the address given by General Lewis A. Pick, U.S.A., at the presentation of the "E" Award: "I cannot give a comparison of size of this plant but I am free to tell you that no contractor in his sane mind would in normal times dare to take such a contract to build a plant of this nature with less than two years' allotted time."

"No, I might say that the contractor would ask much more than two years' time to build this in normal times. You, as a contractor, have accomplished your mission in less than a year."

Less than a year later, F. H. McGraw and Company received its second Army-Navy "E". This was for the construction of the \$10,000,000, Bermuda Naval Air Station.

Some of the problems encountered were: leveling two islands and joining them to the mainland; transporting 3,600 workers from the United States to the job-site; setting up housing, commissary and recreational facilities for this number of men; furnishing an adequate water supply in a land dependent upon its rainfall for drinking water.

Charter Ships

F. H. McGraw and Company was not in the shipping business, but during its contract period it had to charter more than a score of ships to carry needed men and materials through submarine-infested waters.

Now to marine work, the company drafted successfully and in minimum time channels for the largest vessels, built harbours and demonstrated its ability to handle efficiently any type of engineering and construction work under the most trying of conditions.

This building of the Bermuda base involved more than 50 diversified types of construction. Yet, despite the enormity of the project, the base was ready for airplanes to land and take-off within eight months from the time the first shovel of coral rock was lifted.

Fifteen men and officers of F. H. McGraw and Company received for their work on the Bermuda Naval Air Station the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, highest civilian award given by the U.S. Navy.

In December, 1945, F. H. McGraw and Company was additionally honoured by being awarded the Certificate of Achievement of the U.S. Navy. This award was made in recognition of exceptional accomplishment on behalf of the United States Navy and of meritorious contribution to the national war effort.

In addition to the Bermuda Air Station, this award covered the work done by F. H. McGraw and Company in the \$7,000,000 reconstruction and modernisation (including the building of a marine railway, permanent barracks, warehouses, laboratories, shops, magazines, sea walls, etc.) of the U.S. Submarine Base at New London, Connecticut, and the erection of equipment, rehabilitation of existing facilities, and miscellaneous construction at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Plant at South Charleston, West Virginia.



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GEC Laboratories And Atomic Research

In the earliest announcements concerning the atomic bomb, which also revealed the immense field of research work in progress on all matters relating to atomic energy, it was disclosed that the General Electric Company Ltd. of England was sharing in the development work.

For security reasons little can be said of the nature of this work, but it can be disclosed that the GEC has been associated with the construction of the latest synchrotron designed and operated by the Atomic Energy Research Establishment of the Ministry of Supply.

This synchrotron is used for the acceleration of electrons to energies of 20 million electron volts, and is useful for two main purposes:

First, as a model to provide information for the design of further machines of very high energy and secondly, to produce penetrating X-rays for treating deep-seated malignant tumours, not at present easily accessible to external radiation.

The Research Laboratories of the GEC have built the glass vacuum annuli (or "doughnuts") for this synchrotron, in which the electrons being accelerated have a stable orbit of 10 cm. radius.

The synchronised electric field is produced in a radio-frequency resonator mounted on a lead conical with the "doughnut", which also incorporates a mount for an electron gun designed to operate up to 20 kv.

Work is also in hand on vacuum annuli of much larger dimensions for other synchrotrons to produce electrons of much greater energy.

The synchrotron accelerates electrons whilst they traverse a circular path. An alternative method employs a Van der Graaf generator which is an electrostatic machine accelerating particles in straight paths by voltages between two and four MV. In order to keep the length of this apparatus to a reasonable figure and to ensure a uniform gradient, the accelerating tube is built up of a number of thin rings separated by annular glass spacers at a regular spacing of four to the inch.

A certain proportion of the metal rings is connected to a potential divider so that the potential difference between the ends is spread equally over all the glass spacers.

The general result is that the rings act as a succession of weak electron-optical lenses and the accelerated particles follow paths substantially parallel to the axis of the column.

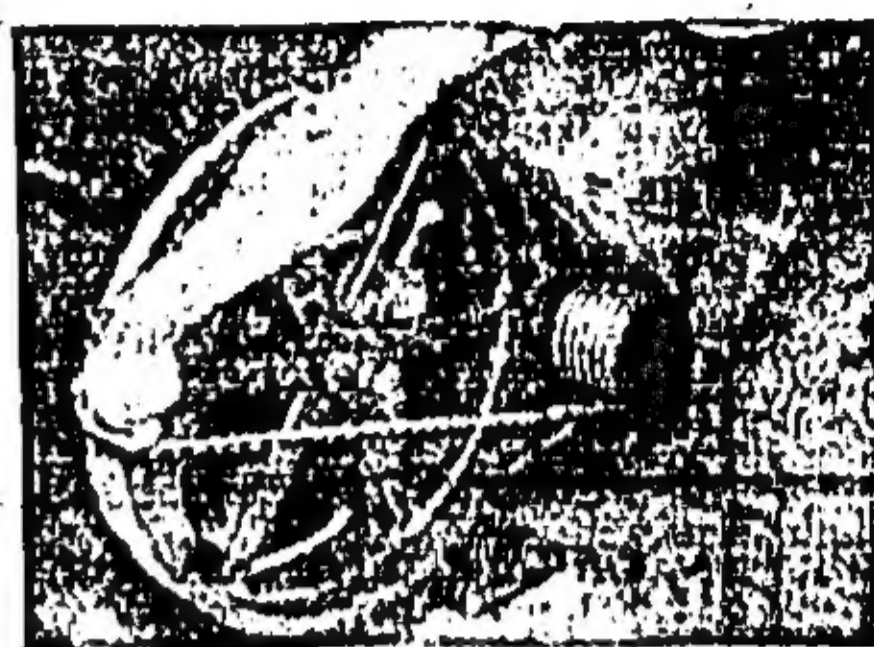
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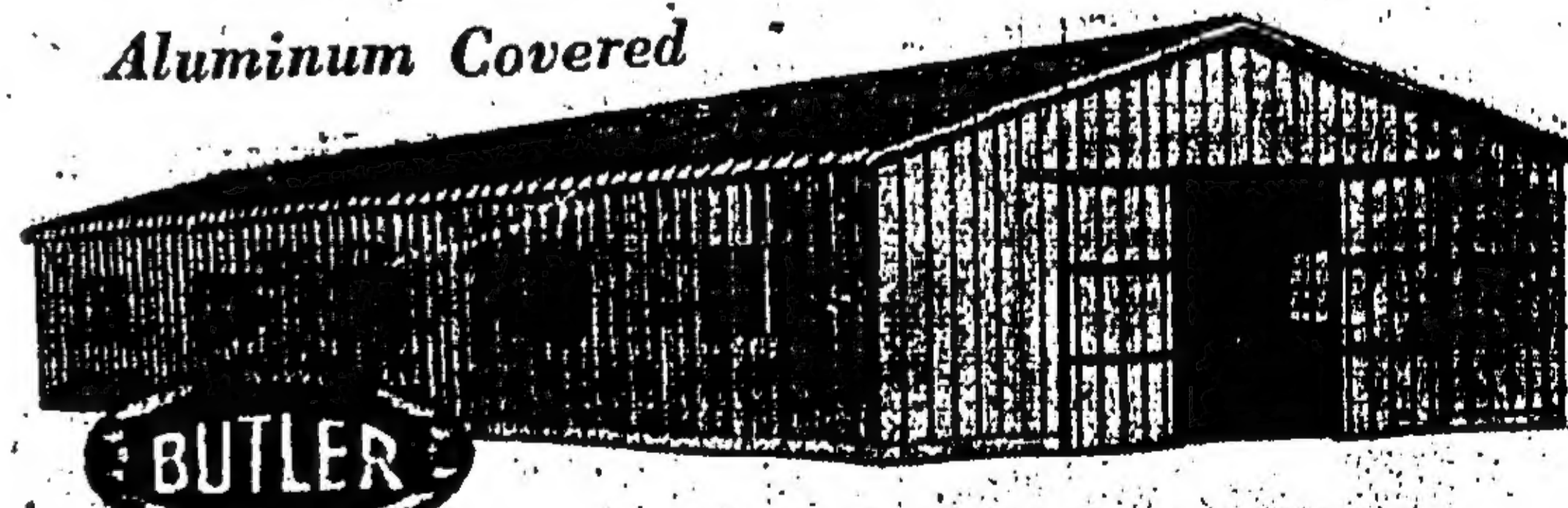
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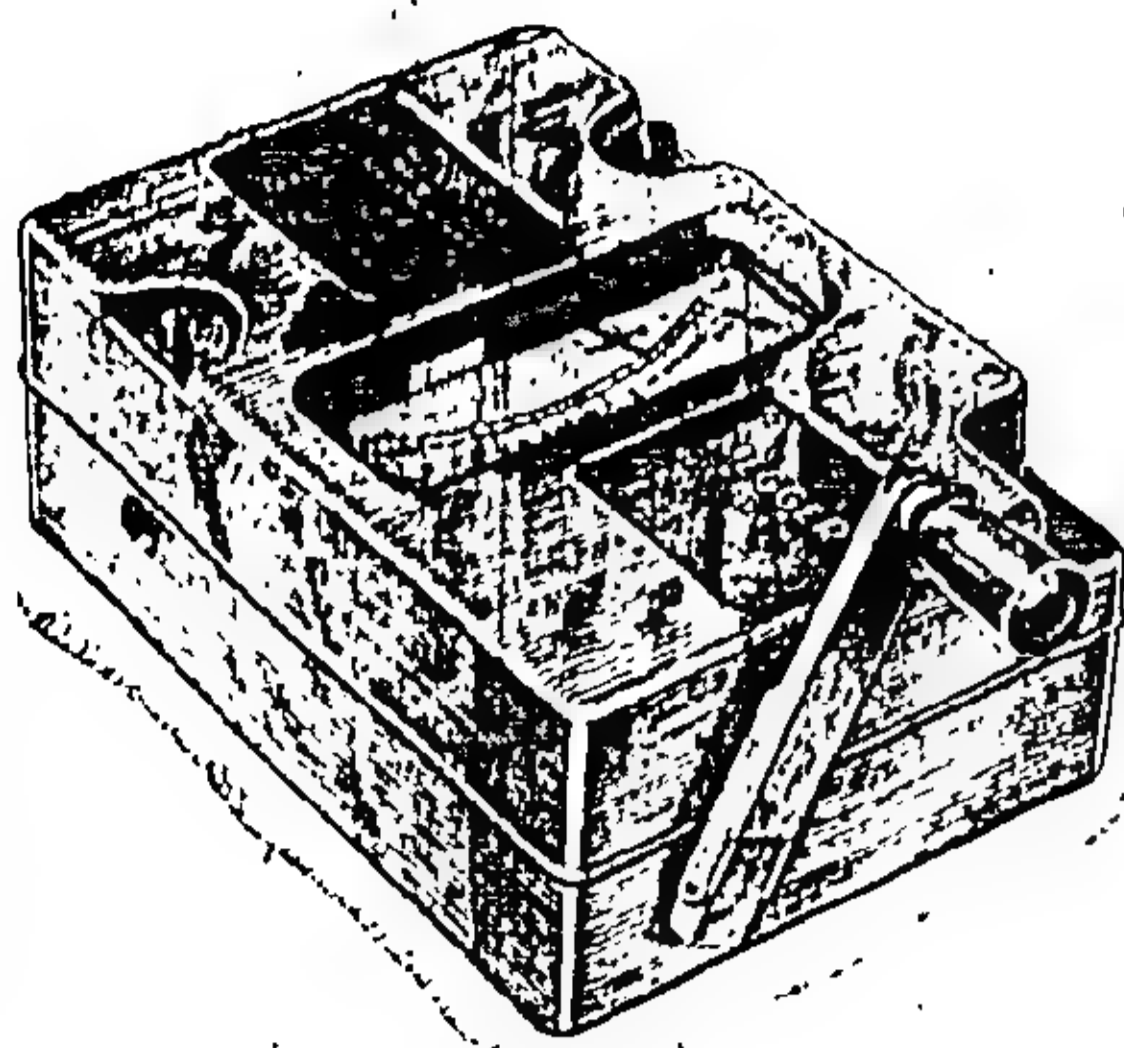
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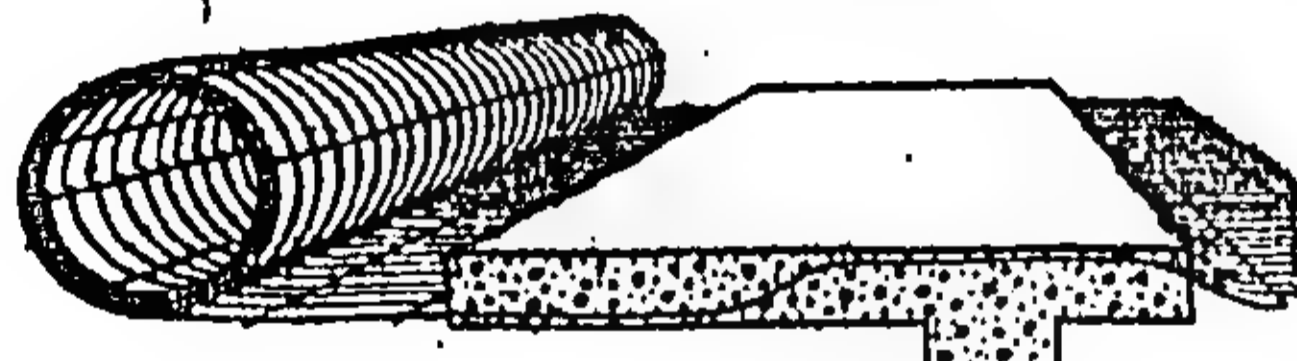
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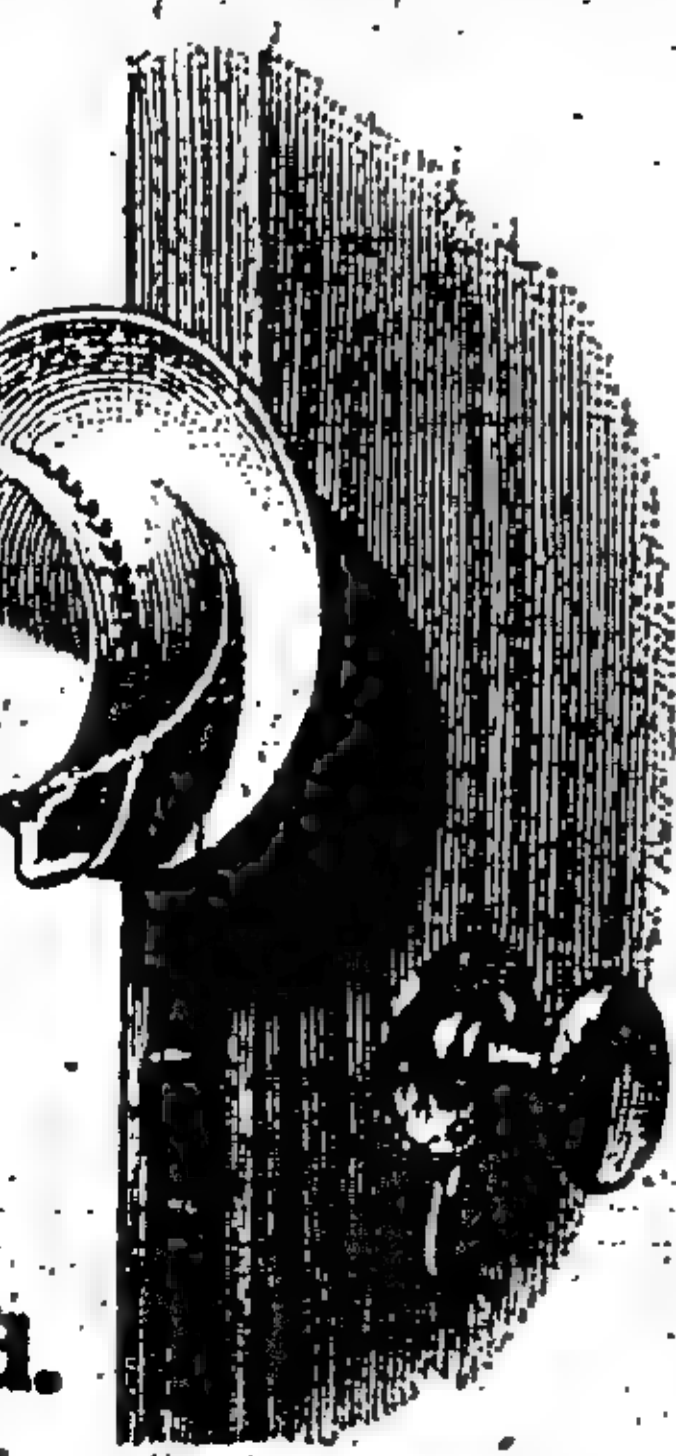
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RUSSIA'S CHINA ENVOY TO CALL ON VISHINSKY

Paris, June 1.

A Soviet Embassy spokesman said today that the Russian Ambassador to China is on the way to Paris for talks with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vishinsky. Mr. Roschin is coming here on a French plane, but the time of his arrival is not yet known, the spokesman said.

BRITAIN'S PACT WITH ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, May 31.

An agreement in principle between Argentina and Britain on a new meat and trade pact, replacing the Andes Agreement, was officially announced here today after 14 weeks of negotiations.

The agreement in principle calls for a five-year pact to replace the agreement which expired on March 13. Detailed terms of the pact have still to be agreed upon and the final agreement is not expected before mid-June.

Last Friday, a usually well-informed source stated that Britain's meat imports from Argentina under the terms of a new pact will cost 20 per cent more than under the earlier agreement.

The new pact, this source said, will provide for a balanced trade between the two nations, involving £100 million.

A last-minute concession by the British negotiators to pay about 30 per cent more for the meat brought the agreement on the new trade pact. Britain had been holding out for a price of £96 a long ton (2,240 pounds) but has now agreed to pay £98 per metric ton (2,204.6 pounds). This will be about 10½d, a pound, roughly an increase of a farthing a pound over the price which Britain had insisted was her maximum figure.

Dr. Ramon Cereijo, Minister of the Argentine Treasury and President of the Argentine National Economic Council, said today: "The difficulties in reaching agreement have been overcome. A communiqué at the same time said the agreement will be signed shortly."

The new price of 10½d is a nominal increase of about 45 per cent over the 7½d, paid last year, but a real increase of only about 30 per cent because the £10 million involved in the Andes Agreement brought the actual price of meat to only 9d.

The agreement is expected to come into effect on July 1. The quantity of meat to be shipped to Britain still appears indefinite but Dr. Roberto Ares, Argentine Economy Minister, said that it is hoped to send at least 250,000 tons in the first year.

The Andes Agreement provided for a shipment of 410,000 tons.

—Reuter.

Peiping Industry Functions Again

San Francisco, May 31.

The majority of Peiping's 3,300 privately-owned factories and workshops are functioning again, the Communist-controlled Peiping Radio reported tonight.

Almost all of these industrial establishments began to work again shortly after the Communists entered the city, the Radio said.

This was made possible by the settling of outstanding wage and other disputes according to the principle of benefits to both labour and capital.

The Radio added that State-owned banks and trading companies played their part in this industrial rehabilitation by providing loans and raw material to those private industries which are considered beneficial to public interests.

Increased mechanisation in farming is also reported.

Machinery works in Peiping, the Radio said, are now producing such things as seeders, electrical pumps, welding machines and ploughs for the use of farmers.

Peiping Radio further stated that the power output of the Shanghai Power Company has been increased since the Communists entered the city.

Power output had risen from 60,000 kilowatts to 110,000 kilowatts in the period May 25 to May 29.

TURKISH ARMS RING FOUND

Istanbul, June 1.

The Turkish police today announced that they have captured a gang smuggling arms to Israel.

They said they captured a truckload of hand grenades which were being ferried across the Bosphorus and trailed the gang to a cache, capturing ten tons of hand grenades and a large quantity of rifles.

A Turk was arrested as the alleged ringleader of the gang. The police said he sold arms to Jews in Turkey who arranged for the smuggling.

The source of the arms was not disclosed but is believed to be Turkish.

IRISH PICKET CONSULATE

New York, June 1.

A group called the American Irish Minute, Men of 1949, held a picket line in front of the British Consulate in New York today. A spokesman said the organization plans to picket every week day until the British get out of Northern Ireland.

Diplomatic sources said the Ambassador is bringing with him an up-to-the-minute report on China, where the Communist forces are closing in on the present seat of the Nationalist Government at Canton.

Mr. Roschin has been based in Canton.

Information reaching Western diplomats here suggests that the Chinese Communists intend soon — possibly after the fall of Canton — to convene an all-Chinese consultative assembly which will set to work to write a provisional constitution for the whole country.

The assembly may also assign a provisional government to rule all China pending the formation of a permanent regime.

The diplomats express the view that Mr. Roschin's visit to Paris may be connected with the overall question of timing Russia's recognition of a new Communist-led regime in China.

According to the informants, a representative of the big Western powers has made contact with the Communist authorities for the first time since the Spring offensive began.

The American Ambassador to China, Dr. John Leighton Stuart, is said to have begun working in Nanking with a Communist agency which has the job of supervising the affairs of foreign nationals and interests in that region.

Dr. Stuart is believed to be acting for several of the big powers.

The British Part

The British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, and his staff are said to be in close touch with Dr. Stuart.

The part Sir Ralph is playing, in establishing day-to-day working arrangements with the Communists, is believed to be restricted by the after-effects both the British and the Chinese Communists feel as a result of the Yangtze River affair, when Red shore guns pounded units of the Royal Navy.

The informants said the British are still trying hard to get the Communists to give a safe passage to the sloop Amethyst so that it can sail back to Hong Kong.

—Associated Press.

REFUGEE EXODUS FROM SHANGHAI: STATIONS JAMMED

Shanghai, May 31.

Thousands of people packed North Station, terminus of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, this morning as the exodus of refugees back to their homes in the countryside reached its peak.

Long queues stood at all angles before ticket booths today. The greater part of the station was made impassable by a mass of humanity and piles of luggage.

Special home-bound trains are being run by the Railway authorities to meet the demand.

The greatest number of tickets is being sold for Soochow and adjacent towns.

Some passengers who took Nanking-bound trains will change trains at Soochow where they will board the Soochow-Kashing train for other towns on the Shanghai-Hangchow line.

Repair work on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway has been going on for some time and train service is expected to be resumed either today or tomorrow.

Life in Nanking is absolutely normal with the prices of necessities considerably lower than in Shanghai, according to a Soviet restaurant and bakery owner who has just arrived from the former Nationalist capital on a brief visit.

ing on for some time and train service is expected to be resumed either today or tomorrow.

The Russian informant, who claims to be the first foreigner to arrive here from Nanking since the liberation of the two cities, said that he experienced no difficulty whatever in leaving the former capital.

He went to a traveller's agency, bought a ticket and was accompanied by one of the agency's officials to the station where he boarded a train.

The treatment of foreigners in Nanking, according to the informant, is exemplary. Soldiers are polite and the only restriction imposed on foreigners is their movement outside the city. The reason given for this is that there may still be Nationalist troops in disguise outside city limits and that this constitutes a danger.

Air Raids

Since the capture of Nanking, Nationalist planes have bombed the city several times and although they did little damage on the whole, on one occasion they hit a school, killing 30 children, the Soviet informant said.

Foreigners are permitted to use their motorcars after duly registering them with the authorities.

There is considerable speculation in Nanking as to whether the city will be selected as the capital when the new Government is formed.

The future of thousands of people depends on this decision. The general belief, however, is that Peiping will be the choice.

—Reuter.

MR. MACDONALD AT PALACE

London, May 31.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General in South East Asia, now in London for talks with the Government, was received by the King in audience at Buckingham Palace today and played a lunch with the King and Queen.

Madras, May 31.

One hundred and twenty Communist farmers were arrested yesterday in Tanjore District for alleged looting of British landowners' estates, according to local press reports.

TROOPS FOR HONG KONG

Southampton, May 31.

About 1,800 British Army reinforcements for Hong Kong boarded the transport Dilwara here today, ready to sail tomorrow.

The draft includes the 27th Anti-Aircraft Regiment, the Royal Artillery, the 119th Light Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Battery, a squadron of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment, and a Royal Army Services Corps transport platoon, with units of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and Royal Army Pay Corps.

An advance party of the 1st Battalion, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders is also travelling. Forty women are also sailing for the Far East in the Dilwara, including members of the Women's Royal Army Corps and nurses for the Hong-Kong Naval Hospital.

Moves For Indonesia Cease-Fire

Batavia, May 31.

The Dutch and Republican authorities in the Jogjakarta Residency have ordered their respective armed forces to avoid contact in arms, as the first step towards a cease-fire in Indonesia, a United Nations Commission spokesman said today.

Details of the second part of the cease-fire order, to cease immediately any form of sabotage, destruction, obstruction, mining and subversive activity, have still to be worked out by the peace-making joint Dutch-Republican Sub-Committee for Implementation.

Meanwhile, the evacuation of Jogjakarta by those who wish to leave before the return of the Republican Government is proceeding at the rate of 1,000 daily.

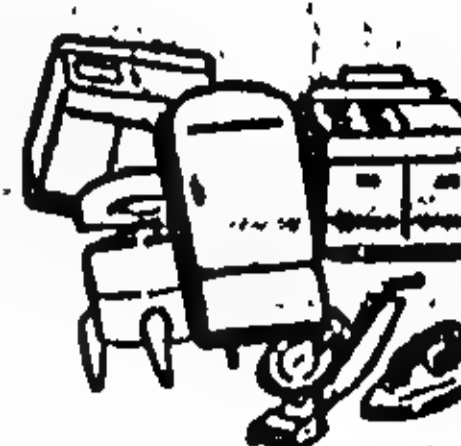
Forty-five thousand persons are at present registered for evacuation and the population has been informed by loud-speaker vans and pamphlets that evacuation lists will close on Saturday next, after which the Dutch authorities will not guarantee evacuation.

The Sultan of Jogjakarta has protested to the United Nations Commission, through the Republican delegation, against the entry and search by Dutch troops of Republican offices in Jogjakarta. The Sultan said that troops confiscated documents and lists of personnel and made some arrests.

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